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NOTICEABLE IMPROVEMENT IN ECONOMIC SITUATION.

SUCCESSFUL CLOSE OF A "TEST" PERIOD.

(By MAURITZ A. HALLGREN, United Press Staff Correspondent.)

BERLIN, August 31.—Germany has come through its first year of standard or maximum Dawes Plan reparations payments—the year ended to-night—with its payment of 2,500,000,000 marks made in full and, according to disinterested authorities, with its economic situation noticeably improving.

This, the fifth annuity year under the Plan, saw the payments due to the former enemy countries jump from 1,750,000,000 marks of the previous year to the present standard payment of two and a half billions, which was to have been continued annually and indefinitely under the Dawes arrangement.

Standing the Strain.

In a certain sense the annuity year now closing was a test period. Although the framers of the 1924 Plan were more or less confident that Germany could meet the maximum payment without undue hardship, other economic authorities, for the most part neutral observers, were of the opinion that it could not be done without continued aid from the outside in the form of foreign loans. More critical commentators, mostly Germans, were inclined to picture the standard year as offering such a strain that it might ultimately lead to a breakdown of the German economic structure.

Albeit, the payment has been made with none of these having come to pass. Germany did encounter some hardship, was faced for a while last March and April with a serious economic crisis and its Reichstag, compelled to struggle for several months with a budget to which had been added a burden of 750,000,000 marks in increased reparations, succeeded in producing the semblance of a balance and in saving the country from a sharply increased tax load only after slashing several important items from the budget. Moreover, the debt was paid despite the marked slump in the influx of foreign capital which had featured the four previous years. Finally, the year closes with the economic foundation of the country and of the government quite unimpaired.

Rather to the contrary: it was suggested by Parker Gilbert, agent-general for reparations report, in his intermediate report of July 1, that there is "no doubt" as to "the essential soundness of the finances of the Reich." He added, with reference to the country in general, that "German business as a whole is again going forward."

Uncertain Factors.

Many of the difficulties of the past spring can be attributed to the extraordinarily severe winter and

to the panicky feeling which ran through Germany when the Paris negotiations appeared on the point of collapsing. The uncertainty created by these and other factors doubtless also had its effect upon the inflow of foreign loans, which totalled only 888,800,000 marks in the first six months of the current calendar year as compared with the average of 1,500,000,000 marks for each of the preceding 12-month periods.

All these circumstances severely strained the credit position of the Reich, but did not prevent the standard reparation payment from being.

Cold statistics tend to reveal that the worst fears of the German skeptics as to the reaction of the maximum payment on Germany's economic and industrial welfare were unfounded. Business activity and wage levels were no lower than in previous years and in many instances were even much higher, while wholesale prices and the cost of living were not materially changed. Money wages at the end of May had increased 18.9 per cent. over the 1923-1927 average, having shown a progressive growth since the start of the Dawes period.

Real wages (as adjusted according to their relation to the change in the cost of living) had by the end of May increased 10.7 per cent., being at that time at the highest point since the mark was stabilized. At the same time the cost of living showed an increase of about seven per cent., and wholesale prices decreased about six per cent. from the 1925 level.

The Unemployed.

The number of unemployed on June 15 (since then slightly further reduced) was estimated at 950,000, which was about equal to the 1923 and 1927 averages and much lower than the 1923 figure. However, the 1923 average thus far is much higher than that of any of the previous years principally because of the suspension of many activities during the bitterly cold winter months.

Production of iron and steel during the first three quarters of the standard year just closed ran about 600,000 metric tons higher every month than in any of the preceding Dawes years (except for November, 1928, when there was a lockout in the Rhenish-Westphalian industry). Coal and lignite output continued at about the same rate as in the years immediately before 1929; textiles fell off a trifle (due mostly to the disadvantageous Franco-German tariff treaty, according to textile authorities); paper production was up about 35 per cent.

Industrial consumption of electricity during the first standard year was 20 per cent. higher than the 1925 level; potash sales increased, the metal, machinery, pottery, glass, porcelain, chemical and clothing industries were as active as they had been at any time during the Dawes period, while the foodstuffs, furniture, woodwork, leather and leather goods industries showed only a slight depression measured in terms of hands fully employed. Building activity was above that of the 1926-1928 level and railway car loadings were also higher. Reichsbank clearings this year were double what they were in 1925, while the value of orders received by five leading industries revealed an increase of more than 12 per cent.

Retail Sales.

Retail sales were about equal to the 1925 average and 90 per cent. higher than those of 1923; co-operative store sales, and sugar, meat, tobacco and beer consumption, though subject to wide fluctuations, for the most part showed marked increase. Exports (not including deliveries in kind for reparations account) were higher during the first nine months of the fifth annuity year than in any similar period of the four preceding years, while imports remained at about the same level, thus reducing the unfavorable balance of foreign trade.

Further stimulus to the development of German industry, business and commerce can be expected to be derived from the operation of the Young Plan, which will go into effect a few weeks or months hence. Not only will the reduced annuities of the new arrangement provide that margin of safety which Parker Gilbert believes "will be useful in carrying out" the government's contemplated programme of financial reform, but it will immediately relieve the Reich and the tax-paying public of a large part of the reparations load. Up until April 1, 1930, Germany will have to pay only 742,800,000 marks as compared with the 1,450,000,000 marks required during the same period were the Dawes Plan to remain in force. Thereafter for several years the payments will run from 25 to 30 per cent. below the Dawes Plan maximum payments.

Failure of the various interested governments to ratify the Young Plan in time, however, has made it impossible to put that scheme into effect to-morrow as had been provided. The Dawes arrangement, with payments based on the standard year, will remain in force until these ratifications are forthcoming.

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Diary of Coming Events,

To-day. (September 17.) Mid-Autumn Festival. Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m. Hong Kong Reel Club meeting, City Hall 8.15 p.m. Water Polo: K.O.S.B. "A" v. Chinese "B" 8.30 p.m. Navy, V.R.C. 5.30 p.m. Colf. Ladies Section: Tombstone Competition (and Bridge Drive, Deep Water Bay). Billiards: C. and P.O.'s Club v. Royal Engineers, Buffalo Club v. Craignower, Police v. St. Patrick's Club, Police Reserves v. Garrison Mess. Forbes Russell Company: "The Patsy," Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m. Queen's Theatre: "Heart of a Nation." World Theatre: "The Emden." Star Theatre: "Man, Woman and Sin." Dinner Dances: H.K. Hotel, Repulse Bay Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m. Tides: High: 8.02 a.m. and 9.27 p.m.; Low: 1.49 a.m. and 3.06 p.m.	Wednesday. (September 18.) Water Polo: V.R.C. "A" v. Kowloon "B" V.R.C., 5.30 p.m. Dinner Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m. Queen's Theatre: "Heart of a Nation." World Theatre: "Emden." Star Theatre: "Man, Woman and Sin." Forbes Russell Company: "The Patsy," Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m. Tides: High: 8.41 a.m. and 9.40 p.m.; Low: 2.29 a.m. and 3.34 p.m. European Mails: — Outward: Europe via San Francisco (Shinjo Maru), 8.30 a.m. Thursday. (September 19.) Legislative Council Meeting, 2.30 p.m. The Forbes Russell Company:	Friday. (September 20.) Christian Fellowship Meeting, Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m. Polo: Stubbs' Cup Matches. Forbes Russell Company: "The March Hares," Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m. Queen's Theatre: "Mother Knows Best." World Theatre: "The Mysterious Lady." Star Theatre: "Price of Honour." Dinner Dances: H.K. Hotel, and Repulse Bay Hotel, 8.30 p.m. European Mails: — Inward: Europe via Nippon (Namsang),
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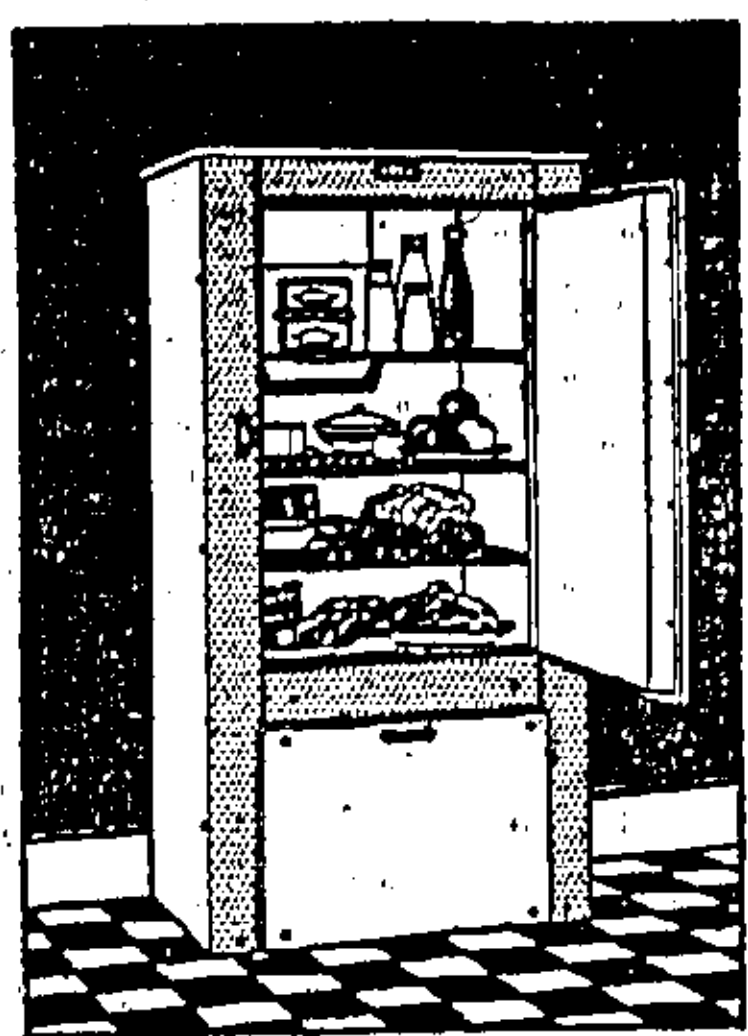
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ARMY CENTRES AND
EMIGRATION.

The Y.M.C.A. could have no more enthusiastic head than Mr. F. J. Chamberlain, who was recently appointed national secretary in succession to Sir Arthur Yapp. He is himself a product of the movement, which he joined as a boy.

"Naturally," said Mr. Chamberlain to a reporter, "I have seen many changes since I joined the Association at Plymouth on my 18th birthday. Thirty years ago billiards were not allowed on our premises. Dancing and cards were both out of the question. Even smoking was prohibited, and I remember a young fellow being reprimanded for lighting a cigarette on the steps of one of our hostels. To-day, billiards and smoking are general. Whether it will have cards or dancing the management of each branch decides for itself."

Central Purpose.

"Times will no doubt continue to change, but on vital issues there will be no alteration of the policy of the Y.M.C.A. Our central purpose is to bring boys, and young men face to face with the claims of the Christian faith. Nothing that is normal and right for youths is alien to that purpose."

In saying that, Mr. Chamberlain was speaking of his own experience of Y.M.C.A. work in all its branches. Soon work in joining the Plymouth Association he was appointed its assistant secretary, while still under 21 he was given general responsibility as general secretary at Hanley, at which time he went to a similar position at Nottingham, and three years later he was appointed divisional secretary for the North Midlands.

At 31 he became general secretary to one of the largest Y.M.C.A.'s in the country—that at Sheffield. Then he came to the London headquarters.

Mr. Chamberlain was second in command to Sir Arthur Yapp right through the war years. With in a fortnight of the outbreak of the war the Y.M.C.A. had established 100 camp centres, and there were 15,000 of them before the war ended.

"I am specially anxious," he said, "to be regarded as carrying on the normal work of the Association. After 18 years in London I am no new broom. But I would like to see every boy and youth in England shepherded within the Red Triangle provided, of course, that they are not already a member of some similar organization. We have now 40 establishments in Greater London, and we have many schemes for wider developments."

New Buildings.

"Our Metropolitan Committee is making a survey of the whole area, to select the most strategic points for the erection of six or eight big new buildings to give accommodation to thousands of young people. The site of a social centre has much to do with its success, and we are determined to be as careful in choosing our centres as cinema proprietors and publicans are."

We are concentrating especially on our work for boys and young men. We have our own distinctive plans for Empire emigration. We don't just land a boy in Canada or Australia. We try to get him into an environment such as he has been accustomed to at home, and that will make all the difference to the boy."

For the last few years Mr. Chamberlain has been directly responsible for Y.M.C.A. work in the London area. Now he has to supervise activities ranging from the establishment of holiday camps to the preparation of a welcome home for the men of the Rhineland army. At Bingen-on-the-Rhine, at Wirshaden, and at Konigstein, the Y.M.C.A. has been active among the troops, and at Catterick, Salisbury Plain, and all the other military centres the Association is making ready to meet the needs of the men who are returning.

"Of course," said Mr. Chamberlain, "our work is constantly increasing. Here at home we are planning extensions in the great industrial and rural areas. In Shanghai and Hong Kong, in cantonments of India, and on the North-West Frontier, in Baghdad, Malta and Gibraltar, we are already busy, and a Y.M.C.A. is being established in the far away island of Tristan da Cunha, so that our work extends already to the ends of the earth."

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NOT RIGHT TO TELL A MAN'S WIFE.

HUSBAND WINS AN
IMPORTANT APPEAL.

JUDGE AND GOSSIP.

The question of when a man may make a disclosure to another man's wife with regard to the conduct of her husband was discussed in a reserved judgment delivered by Lord Justice Scrutton, Greer, and Russell in the Court of Appeal, allowing the appeal of Mr. William Wallace Watt, of Bassett Road, North Kensington, from the judgment of Mr. Justice Horridge dismissing his libel action against Mr. Robert Cecil Longdon, of Norman Court, Salisbury.

A new trial was ordered. Mr. Watt complained of disclosures, which were untrue, with regard to his alleged conduct with women at Casa Blanca in Morocco.

Social Duty Question.

Lord Justice Scrutton, giving judgment, said: "The question involved is difficult, and in its social results it is important. The question is: 'In what circumstances, if any, was a man entitled to disclose to a wife facts about the matrimonial delinquencies of her husband which he honestly believed to be true?' The facts in this particular case turned out to be absolutely untrue."

The question becomes more difficult when it turns on the existence or non-existence of a social duty, because the judge has to decide, without evidence, from his own knowledge of the world, and it is a question on which opinions differ from age to age, from country to country, and even from man to man.

By the law of England, there were occasions on which a person might make defamatory statements of another without incurring legal liability, but there must be a public or private duty to make the communication. In his view, however, Mr. Justice Horridge went too far when he held that interest on the part of the recipient of the information was enough to make the occasion privileged.

Three communications were in question in the case, and in my view there was a duty on the part of Mr. Longdon to make the communication which he did to Mr. Singer, the chairman of the company with which both he and Mr. Watt had been connected. The chairman might be asked to give a testimonial, apart from present employment.

Men's Club Gossip.

When Mr. Longdon received the letter on which he acted it might be held that he had a duty to make further inquiries. With regard to these two communications, therefore, I think that the occasions were privileged; but the other members of the court think that there was evidence of malice, and there will have to be a new trial on the issue of malice. The communication to Mrs. Watt stood on a different footing. "It is the duty of a friend," said Lord Justice Greer, "to communicate all the gossip he hears at men's clubs or women's bridge parties. As a general rule it is not desirable for any one to interfere in the affairs of husband and wife."

He came to the conclusion that there was no moral or social duty to make this communication to the wife, and that there must be a retrial of that issue also.

Lord Justice Greer said that the hasty and unjustifiable communication to the wife and certain communications relating to the other communications were such as to entitle Mr. Watt to ask for the verdict of a jury on the issue of malice.

Lord Justice Russell concurred.

POLICEMAN HEARS HIS BRIDE'S CRY.

MIDNIGHT INTRUDER IN HIS
HOUSE.

A remarkable incident, in which a policeman broke into his own house shortly after midnight, in response to screams from his young wife, to whom he was recently married, was disclosed at Birkenhead Police Court.

Thomas Robert Peacock, aged fifty-five, a signwriter, was accused of being in the house of Police Constable Snape, in South Road, West Kirby, for an unlawful purpose.

Police Constable Snape stated that, while on night duty an hour after midnight, he heard a woman's screams, and when he went in the direction of South Road he recognised that it was his wife's voice.

He dropped his keys while hurrying, but burst a window open with his baton and climbed through. He went upstairs and found Peacock lying on a bed. Peacock said, when asked what he was doing there, "I am only dozing."

Peacock stated in evidence that he lived next door, and he entered the house of the Snapes by mistake.

The magistrates said that but for his previous good character he would have been sent to prison. He would be fined £10.

BEGGARS WITH BANK ACCOUNTS.

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LEADING A LUXURIOUS LIFE.

Many of those who prefer to pass their lives in impoverished surroundings dressing in tatters and suffering from the elements while begging ostensibly sustenance, frequently have means to live in comfort, and even luxury. A survey has been made, and the court records disclose the fact that 80 per cent. of the professional beggars are impostors, and that approximately 50 per cent. of these are able to live luxuriously upon the generosity of passers-by.

New York is a mecca for beggars, but the police are powerless to stop the nuisance.

"Even though," said Lieut. William C. Whitley, of the Police Headquarters, "we pick up almost every one from time to time, they usually protect themselves by carrying chewing gum or pencils, or some other small wares. And, of course, most of them carry peddlers' licences. As long as they have a licence and display merchandise we cannot arrest them unless they are committing some other misdemeanour. People ought not to give them anything."

\$5,000 Credit!

A haggard, ninety-year-old beggar was arrested in front of the Elling Theatre for using abusive language to those who passed him by. In the Night Court he was searched, and in his pockets were found several bank-notes, one of which showed deposits amounting to \$5,000. He refused to let the officers inspect the others. The magistrate sent him to a home for the aged and infirm.

The same night another man was given a six months' term in the workhouse. He was 82 years old and had been convicted eighteen times for soliciting alms in public thoroughfares. He was said to be worth \$100,000 and to own several tenement houses in the Bronx, but was an inveterate beggar.

Another supposed pauper was found to be worth \$50,000, while a sandwich-board man, who begged when not employed, was robbed one night of nearly \$5,000, though he was even then still worth

\$25,000. Yet another old man, who was arrested for vagrancy, was known to deposit nearly \$100 every day in the bank. He boasted he owned \$10,000 in stocks.

The problem is equally acute in Brooklyn, where Mr. J. T. Godfrey, who has had more than twenty years' experience with mendicants, declares he has never found a single deserving case.

A Staggering Figure.

"There is no necessity whatsoever for begging," said Mr. Godfrey. "But as long as people will give, that type will beg rather than work. It is much more profitable."

"Did you ever stop to consider how much these beggars take in during a day? Anywhere from \$15 to \$500. This appears a staggering figure and may sound exaggerated to one who does not know. Yet a beggar known as 'Clubfoot Joe' took in \$100 one day at the entrance to a racetrack. I arrested him another time sitting in front of a cemetery. When he was searched that time he had nearly \$150 in small change in his pockets. 'People are foolish to pity the street beggar. While he preys upon your sympathies he makes large sums of money daily from the gifts of working people and prevents the deserving poor from getting aid.'

At one time there was a school in Brooklyn where men were prepared for begging. They were taught the deaf and dumb 'stare,' legs and arms were put into plaster casts after business hours. Although this place was broken up some years ago, it is said there are similar institutions still operating in other cities.

The women who shift wearily from one foot to the other holding a ceaselessly crying baby frequently pay well to the members who hire out such fretful children. If the children do not cry enough the performances are easily encouraged with the aid of a surreptitious pinch or other efficacious means. The 'crying baby and poor mother' stunt usually guarantees a pretty profitable day.

INFATUATED WITH HIS OWN WIFE.

"YOU ARE THE ONE WOMAN
IN MY LIFE."

A Butler's infatuation for his wife had a sequel at West London Police Court when John Gordon Mann, aged twenty-five, of Market-street, Paddington, was accused of breaking a house at Drayton-gardens, South Kensington, and stealing a cash box containing £2 15s., a scent bottle, and six picture postcards, belonging to the occupant, Mrs. Gertrude Laura Craig, a widow.

Detective Sergeant Bowles said that Mann had about £20 in his possession, and that was undoubtedly his own money. He was a man who had borne the highest character and had served as footman in the houses of a number of titled people. His wife was in the service of Mrs. Craig, and he himself had worked there with his wife for a fortnight.

Mr. Pierron, defending: He made no concealment about his going to the house that night. He left a note for his wife, did he not?

Sergeant Bowles said that was so, and produced the note which read as follows: "Hilda, you are the one woman in my life. For you I would do anything; commit any crimes. I would do anything to bring you back to me and make me a happy man again. How I love you."

Mr. Marshall (magistrate): Is he separated from his wife?

Mr. Pierron: There is a deed of mutual separation.

Mr. Pierron said that Mann was prepared to plead guilty to a charge of larceny because he had no right to take the property.

The woman who was now his wife was in the service of Mrs. Craig for three years, and he courted her. He was induced to marry her owing to a statement concerning her condition last December.

Pressure was afterwards brought to bear on him, and he was persuaded to enter into a deed of separation. All that preyed on his mind, and in his desire to have his wife back he went to the house, found no one there, took some drink, and for no reason at all, picked up the cash box and other articles and went off with them.

Mr. Marshall reduced the charge to one of larceny, and expressed the view that no doubt Mann acted as he did owing to the effects of drink and emotion. He bound him over in £10 for twelve months.

NEW CIGARETTES.

AMERICAN DEVICE TO
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Self-extinguishing cigarette ends have been evolved by scientists attached to the Federal Bureau in New York.

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HARD WORK FOR THE LEAGUE.

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[United Press.]

Geneva.—A total of over 2,000 treaties have now been filed with the League of Nations and published for the information of the entire world. This is the report which has just been prepared by the Secretariat or submission to the assembly of the League.

During the past year alone all previous records were broken by the registration with the League of over 350 treaties. The provision in the League covenant requiring all members of the League to register with the Secretariat all international treaties was intended to put an end to secret treaties, alliances and to a certain extent to secret diplomacy.

So faithfully has this provision been carried out by members of the League that the latter is confident the above number includes virtually every treaty negotiated since the close of the war.

Italy Leading.

During the past year Italy led all of the nations of the world with the number of treaties registered, her total being forty-eight. England came next with twenty-seven; then Finland with twenty-six; Austria and Sweden with twenty-four each; Belgium and Serbia with twenty-three each and Holland and Germany with twenty each.

Although the United States is not a member of the League and therefore is not required to register her treaties with the League she nevertheless sends copies of all treaties to the Secretariat for information and publication. During the past year she filed fourteen treaties in this manner.

Some idea of the diversity of these treaties can be gathered from the following statistics:—

During the past year alone there were filed: thirty-one treaties of Arbitration, Conciliation and the Pacific settlement of Disputes; eight treaties of peace friendship, sovereignty and alliance; seven treaties of commerce, navigation and customs; fifty-one consular conventions; fifty-one economic, financial and taxation treaties; twenty-three treaties of frontier delimitation and frontier traffic; thirty-one legal and extradition conventions; nine treaties relative to aerial navigation; forty-two postal, telegraph, telephone and radio conventions; fourteen treaties relative to labour, refugees and social questions; thirteen treaties relative to the application of the treaty of Versailles and other peace treaties; thirty-one transit conventions; besides a smaller number of treaties on numerous other questions.

WINE-DRINKING IN MODERATION.

AN ANTI-PROHIBITION
LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

An anti-Prohibition campaign is to be started in Paris by a body just established in France, with the title of "Office International du Vin." Already representatives of thirteen nations have joined this organization, which is described as a little League of Nations, in favour of wine-drinking.

It may seem a paradoxical statement, but it is, none the less, true, that these advocates of wine-drinking are really temperance workers.

They are all pledged to fight alcoholism, but they are agreed that Prohibition as practised in America is not an effective weapon. They aim, not at total abstinence, but at moderation in consumption of alcoholic drinks, and frankly encourage the drinking of wine. The promoters of the movement point out that, if people are forbidden by law to take any alcoholic drink at all, they very often seize every opportunity to drink the strongest liquor they can obtain. Given full liberty to drink wine, they take, as a rule, only so much as they need, and have no temptation to abuse what Pasteur himself declared was "the most wholesome and hygienic of beverages."

ELECTROCUTION FOR LOVE RIVAL.

THREE MEN KILLED BY A
LIVE WIRE.

Vienna.—Franz Neumayer, a young electrician, has confessed that in order to kill his stepbrother Mathias, his rival in love, who stood between him and an inheritance, he established contact between a wire connecting two posts on each side of a road and a high-power industrial electric wire in a lonely part of the country near Kornberg, in Austria, which his brother was in the habit of passing every night after visiting his fiancée.

The electrocuted bodies of three men were found lying in the highway in the morning. Neumayer had killed not only his brother, but also two innocent strangers. A fourth man, Leopold Wolf, who was hurled from his bicycle by the force of the current, is lying in hospital terribly burned.

RIFLE SHOT IN THE NIGHT.

SOLDIER DANGEROUSLY
WOUNDED.

A rifle-shot awakened troops stationed at Harry Camp, Dundee, and on investigation being made, Acting Lance-Corporal Gerald Barton Woodhouse, aged twenty-five, of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, was found lying on his bed dangerously wounded.

The Angus police, about an hour later, arrested Private Roland Frederick Wood, aged nineteen, of the same corps, who was detained at Carnoustie police station, and later removed to Dundee.

The shooting occurred in a hut in which a detachment of sixteen men, belonging to the R.A.O.C., were located. When the alarm was raised the guard was called out, and the door of the hut was found to be open. It was also discovered that a neighbouring ammunition store had been forced open, and a rifle and ammunition removed.

Lance-Corporal Woodhouse was found to have been shot through the lower part of the body.

The injured man's condition became so critical that he was asked to make a sworn statement in the presence of Sheriff Malcolm and Mr. J. R. Archibald, procurator fiscal.

HUMOUR: ANCIENT AND MODERN.

Two golfers, strangers to each other, were drawn as partners in a seaside foursomes tournament. One was clearly a novice at the game. He had a positive genius for sending the mutual ball into the rough.

At last his exasperated colleague approached him and whispered, "You've paid your entry money, haven't you?"

"Certainly," replied the other.

"Very well," said the first man, confidentially, "I just wanted to tell you that if you've paid, you are quite entitled to use the fairway."

"And how is your golf, old-timer?"

"Not any better. In fact, it's going from bunk to bunker."

"If you had the kind of job I have, you'd wake up a different man every morning."

"Why, how's that?"

"I'm a bellboy in a hotel."

He: "In the morning you are my last thought and at night my first."

She: "Don't you mean it the other way round?"

He: "No, I am a night watchman."

Bill had been told that a tradition is something handed down from parents to children.

So the next day at school he explained to his teacher that he was late because "Mother had to mend my traditions."

Vicar (filling in date on baptism certificate): "Let me see, this is the sixteenth, isn't it?"

Mother: "Oh, no, sir! Only the sixteenth."

Mother: "We are going up to Uncle's farm for a visit."

Daughter: "Has Uncle any nice neighbours?"

Mother: "Oh, yes, I've often heard him speak highly of the Holsteins and the Guernseys."

Husband: "I never got that parcel you sent to me."

Wife: "I can't imagine why. I took it to the Post Office and put the stamp on myself."

Husband: "No wonder the parcel didn't arrive."

Waiter: "Isn't this pie just like mother used to make?"

Diner: "Yes, indeed, but it isn't cut like mother used to cut it."

Appel: "My son is a jack of all trades. What shall I do with him?"

Sass: "Buy him a drugstore."

"Any callers while I was away?"

"Only one. A young man called and tried to sell me an aspidochelone, but he went away when I told him the family wasn't musical."

"Seen my well, Hiram? Cyclone blew it out of the ground."

"Guess that's it yonder, Peleg. I thought I had a new silo."

Customer: "Are you sure it's an exclusive perfume?"

Salesperson: "Oh, yes, madam. Only a very few persons can even pronounce it."

"Here is my bill," said the lawyer. "Wish you would pay \$100 down and then \$25 a week."

"Sounds like buying an automobile," said the client.

"I am," said the lawyer.

Father: "Are there half fares for children?"

Conductor: "Yes, under 14."

Father: "That's all right. I've only five."

He (teaching her to drive): "In case of emergency, the first thing you want to do is to put on the brake."

She: "Why, I thought it came with the car."

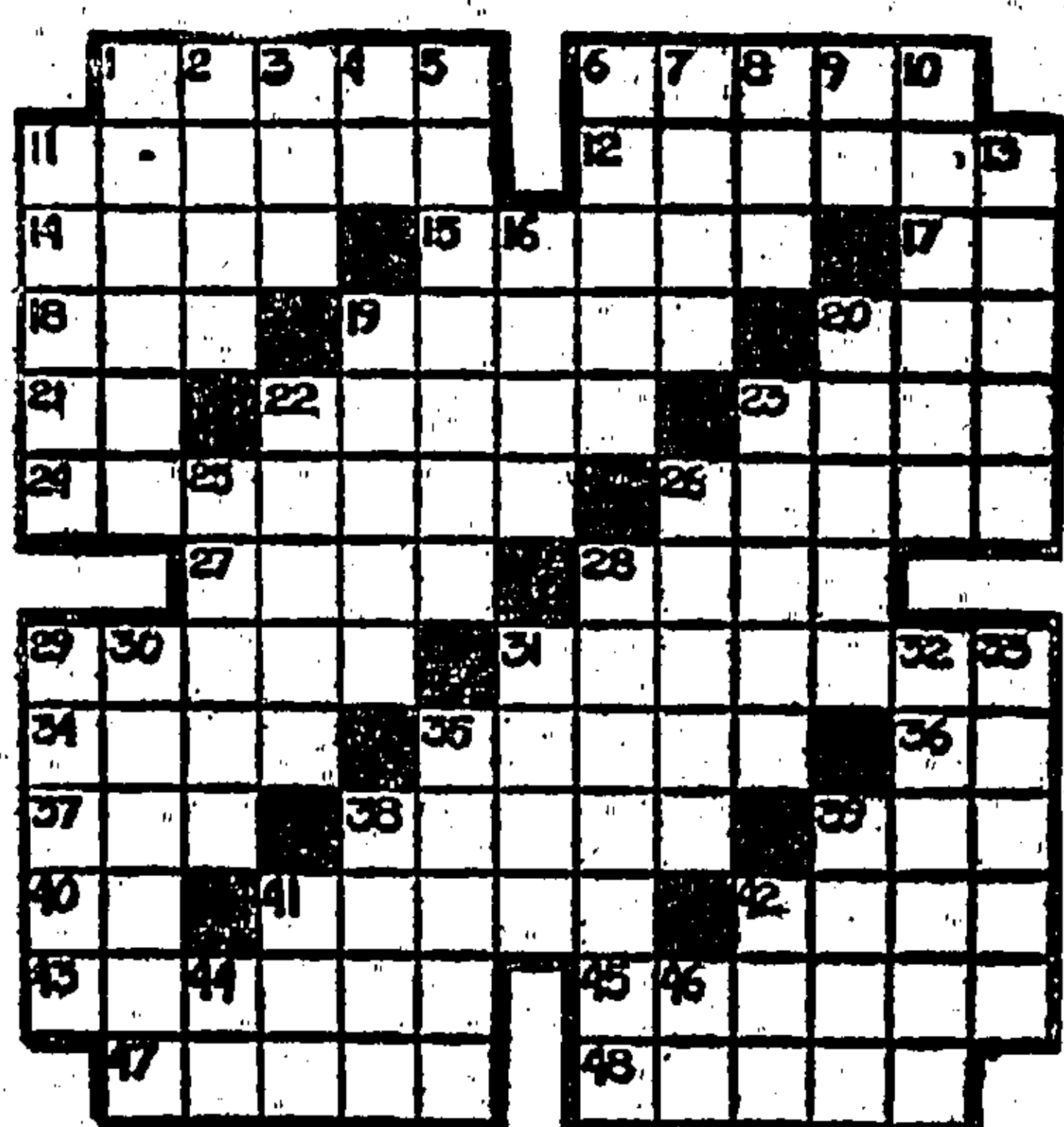
The Mother (to the vicar's wife): "Well, as I say, mum, I like all my girls to start with you first, and then go into a lady's family afterwards."

Beggar: "Can you spare a copper for a poor man, sir?"

Gentleman: "I'm sorry, but I have nothing smaller than a five pound note."

Beggar: "That's all right. I can give you change."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal.

- 1.—Plant used in salads.
- 6.—Smiles broadly.
- 10.—Sailing vessels.
- 11.—Fabulous monster.
- 12.—Twice-related.
- 14.—Ladder step.
- 15.—Other name.
- 17.—Conjunction.
- 18.—Small island.
- 19.—To relieve.
- 20.—Deer.
- 21.—Exists.
- 22.—To terrify.
- 23.—Toys.
- 24.—Africans.
- 26.—Alloy of copper and zinc.
- 27.—Dry.
- 28.—Greek god of war.
- 29.—Legal hearing.
- 31.—Confined.
- 34.—Socks.
- 35.—European city.
- 36.—To act.
- 37.—King of worms.
- 38.—Whom did Charlotte Corday kill?
- 39.—To go into session.
- 40.—French for and.
- 41.—What beauty's elopement started a war?
- 42.—Tropical fruit.
- 43.—To crave.
- 45.—Scoop with chisel.
- 47.—Small silver coins.
- 48.—Finished.

Vertical.

- 1.—Trip.
- 2.—To rave.
- 3.—To urge.
- 4.—In this way.
- 5.—Broke suddenly.
- 6.—To broil.
- 7.—Genuine.
- 8.—Pronoun.
- 9.—Not any.

11.—To run off water.

13.—Gown.

15.—Grassy plains.

19.—To ruin.

20.—To cook.

22.—Tapestry.

24.—Lock of hair.

25.—Styles of walking.

26.—To noise abroad.

28.—To put in order.

29.—Colloquial: cornered.

30.—Reposed.

31.—Biblical weed.

32.—Prepared for press.

33.—Was fond.

35.—Grows white.

38.—Simple.

39.—Wise man.

41.—Masculine pronoun.

42.—Shell that fails to explode.

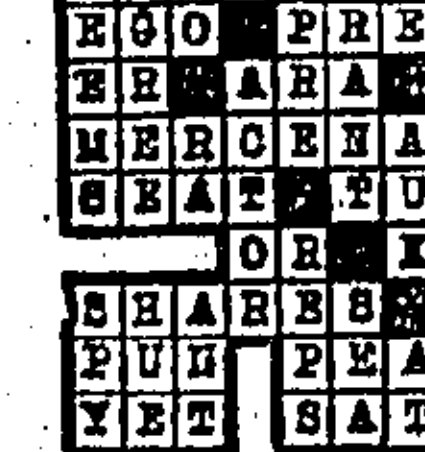
44.—Symbol for silicon.

48.—Upon.

This puzzle took 24 minutes to solve. See how long it will take you to solve it.

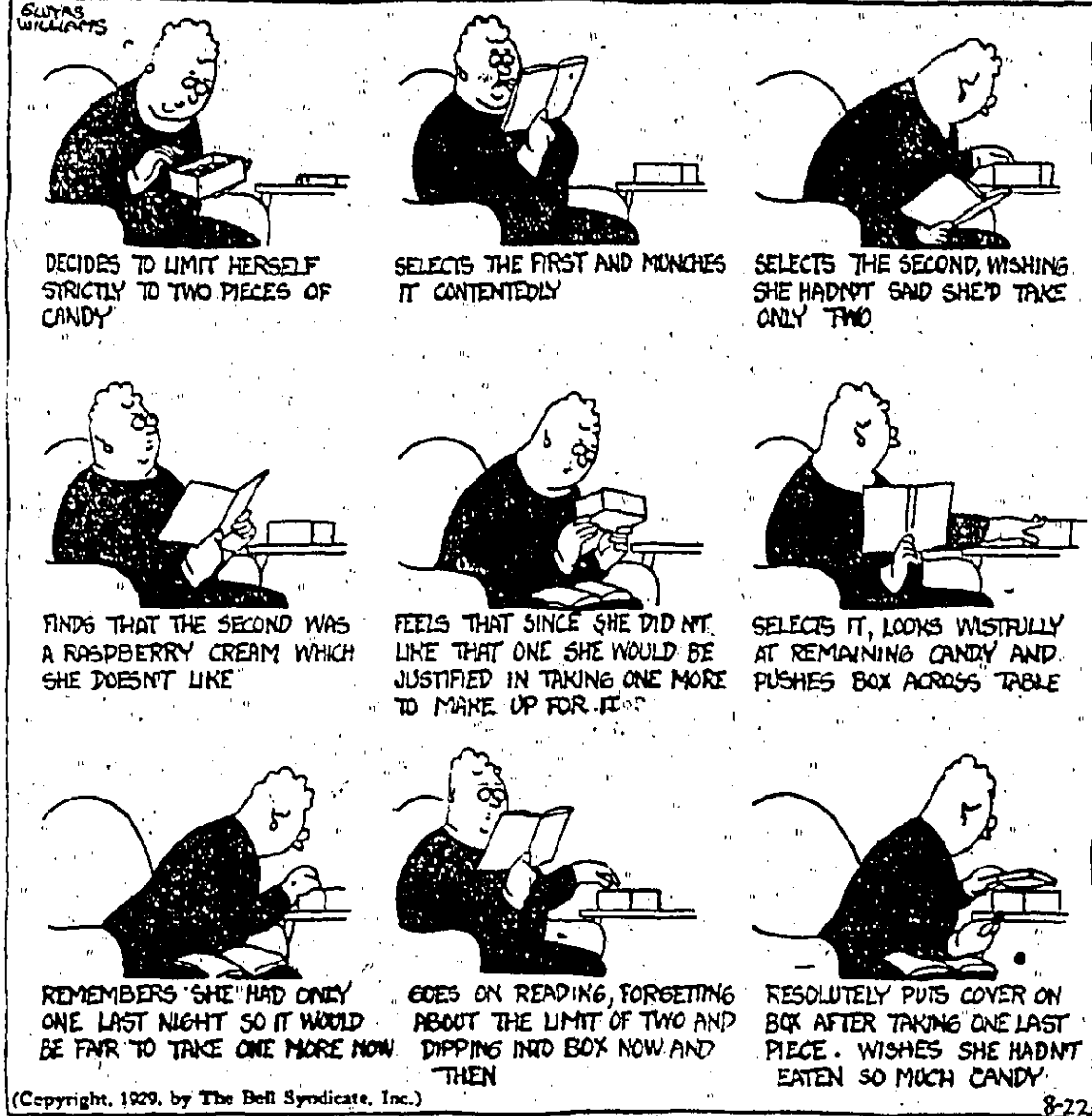
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SNAPSHOTS OF A WOMAN EATING CANDY

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



SPORT AND ATHLETICS.

UMPIRES SIGNAL TOO SOON.

When the match between Glamorgan and Essex was continued at Cardiff, there was little prospect of a definite result being achieved. Glamorgan, who had made 23 without loss, without taking the total to 216 for four, the home captain putting Essex in again for the last hour of the day. As anticipated, however, the match ended in a draw, Glamorgan taking five points for their first innings lead.

Batting of distinctly different types was seen while Glamorgan were in, for while Bates and Hills hit freely, Bell was unaccountably restrained. Hills had an escape when he had made 3, the umpire being so sure that an easy catch behind the wicket had been accepted that he signalled the batsman out, but the fieldman dropped the ball.

OLYMPIC CHAMPION A PRO.

The New Zealand boxer, E. Morgan, winner of the welter-weight championship at the Amsterdam Olympic Games last year, has been granted a licence to box as a professional.

KASH, CHONG AND HO.

Three Eastern victories were recorded in the men's singles in the Harrow lawn tennis tournament. In the first round R. Kash won two close sets against G. S. de Silva (6-4, 6-4) and in the second J. H. Ho and T. N. Chong were successful. Ho defeated N. G. Wymet by 6-1, 6-2, and Chong disposed of O. Joseph by 6-2, 6-3. J. Henderson-Brooks lost the first set to P. J. Bukkana, but won the next two easily.

In the women's singles Miss Y. J. Allnatt, a promising girl player, survived a stern match with Mrs. H. Franklin, whom she beat by 6-2, 6-7, 6-3.

WELSH TITLES.

Following are result, of the Welsh lawn tennis championships at Newport, (Mon).

Women's Singles (Welsh championship).—First round Mrs. R. A. Seal by Miss P. M. Buckingham (6-0, 6-1). Miss M. D. Brewer by Miss B. Harrop (6-0, 6-0). Miss M. Wooland W.O. Mrs. O. R. Bradshaw by Miss N. Heard by Mrs. S. C. Row (6-2, 6-2). Second round: Miss K. Bassett by Miss D. Hazell (6-0, 6-2). Miss J. C. Humphrey by Miss M. I. Stewart (6-1, 6-2). Mrs. Burdon W.O. Mrs. Lytleton by Miss P. R. Lewis by Miss G. E. Baure (6-3, 7-5). Miss J. R. Cory by Miss B. R. E. Ford (6-0, 6-1). Miss N. Graham by Miss J. Stavler (6-2, 6-4). Mrs. C. C. Williams by Miss R. Elliott (6-1, 6-2). Miss E. M. Lloyd by Miss M. G. Williams (6-0, 6-3). Miss Mr. M. Coulman by Miss F. M. Colborne (6-3, 6-1). Mrs. C. L. Sweet by Mrs. C. C. Cory (3-6, 6-0, 6-4).

PONTPOOL CAPTAIN.

Ben Butler, Pontpool's international forward, is the players' choice as captain for next season. Joe Williams, the veteran forward, who retired from the game last season, has been made a life member of Pontpool club.

HEAP WINS CHISWICK SPRINT.

Six thousand people attended the annual charity sports at Chiswick. J. C. Heap (Surrey A.C.), the Olympic sprinter, accomplished a fine performance in winning the 100 yards handicap (open to residents within a radius of five miles) from the scratch mark in 9.4 seconds, and a mile scratch race, with similar restrictions was won by J. E. Bain (Great Western Railway) from D. A. Trieb and W. E. Adamthwaite in 4 mins. 35 secs. Heap, who was on the virtual scratch mark of one yard, just failed to complete a brilliant double when he was beaten by inches in the 100 yards open handicap, the winner being L. H. Rickett, Croydon H. (53 yards), in 67.10 secs.

The fast times in the short sprints were due to a strong wind, which gave every assistance to the runners. Another backmarker to be prominent was Miss R. Christmas (London Olympiads A.C.), who, starting from scratch in the 880 yards women's open handicap, only just failed to win, being beaten by Miss D. Phillips (Croydon H.), who had 60 yards start.

THE WOMAN'S CORNER.

SALES NOTIONS FOR A CHARITY FETE.

Successful charity garden-parties and bazaars, like charity itself, begin at home.

Many cunning novelties can be made by crafty fingers at small cost to bring good returns.

Jolly bottle corks always sell well. Here is one that any one can make. Screw a tiny brass curtain knob into the larger end of a new cork. Smear it with sealing wax of different colours.

Substitute an equally small wooden handle, put an ordinary transfer on top colour round it with enamel. Again, use the little handle as the basis on which to build a doll.

Small round tins, nicely enamelled or lacquered, make dainty biscuit boxes for individual morning tea trays.

Like Peasant Pottery.

Bon-bon boxes may be made of larger ones, while the large tins which can be bought for a few pence at the nearest sweet shop are excellent for cake containers.

Any of these look well enamelled and stencilled like peasant pottery. It is wonderful what a little make-up can do to alter the complexion of the most homely things. Pickle jars with the labels removed, and a little gold paint thinly covering the shoulders, become as ornamental as they are useful.

A novelty is a birdcage cover which effectively prevents draughts reaching the inmate. It is simply a strip of lined cretonne, long enough to go round an average cage. It fastens at the end with press-fasteners.

These Children Of Ours.



DO YOU SPANK YOUR CHILD?

Smackings, every one interested in infant psychology will tell you, have gone completely out of fashion. Punishment, every one possessed of children will tell you, is vitally necessary.

A friend of mine has been trying an unusual experiment on her two sons, aged seven and three and a half respectively. So far it seems to be working extraordinarily well.

She recognises, as do few women, that the punishments devised for children of to-day by grown-ups of to-day are seldom apt or beneficial. A few hundred lines and a lecture if he is big enough and the docking of sundry "braints" if he is not, and that is that.

This woman has instituted a "punishment club," and instead of worrying herself and her friends to

distraction and arguing uselessly with her husband about the fitness of this or that punishment, she leaves the children to do it for themselves.

Regularly once a month, the boys, with their mother and their nurse, meet over their morning glass of milk, to discuss solemnly what shall be done for different kinds of naughtiness.

A list is compiled which reads something like this.

Defiance to nurse. Meals alone in room for a week.

Leaving toys out at night; general untidiness. Wash hands and brush hair every ten minutes throughout day.

Roughness; teasing; crying over nothing. Ignored by father for two days.

This is hung with suitable gravity in the nursery, and whenever wrong is committed the children know exactly what to expect. There is no crying, no screaming, no desperate effort to evade the lawful consequences. Better still there is no feeling of unjust treatment left rankling in the small mind.

Almost invariably there are alternative punishments to be suggested at the monthly meetings—for instance when John, the small boy, decided that not having tea in the tent was no longer a real punishment, "Cos he was tired of the tent anyway."

Peter, the elder boy, was shocked when a friend of his father's suggested jokingly that he should take care to find punishments he did not really mind.

"I couldn't. It would not be fair," he said—and he really meant

THE HEART OF A NATION with GEORGE SIDNEY and PATSY RUTH MILLER AT THE QUEEN'S TO-DAY & TO-MORROW At 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.20.

The Emden AT THE WORLD TO-DAY & TO-MORROW CONTINUOUS PERFORMANCE DAILY FROM 1.15 JOHN GILBERT IN MAN, WOMAN and SIN AT THE STAR TO-DAY & TO-MORROW At 5.30 & 9.20.

"AIRPLANES ARE A NUISANCE." JUROR'S OUTBURST AT AN INQUEST. "SAD" PHOTOGRAPH OF A COMEDIENNE. ACTRESS HOLDS THAT A CAMERA LIES.

Captain T. N. Stack, the famous air pilot, gave evidence at an inquest at Hounslow on Mr. Jack Harley Caulfield, aged twenty-five, an air pilot employed by National Flying Services, who received injuries when an airplane he was piloting crashed into a wood near Hanworth Aerodrome, Middlesex, on Sunday.

"Caulfield was flying at about 300 feet," said Captain Stack. "I noticed that he rolled his machine, made a bad recovery, lost speed, and then dived in what appeared to be part of the turn of a spin into the top of some trees, which were about sixty feet high."

A jurymen: Why are airplanes allowed to fly at such an altitude? I thought the regulation was 2,000 feet. These airplanes are an abominable nuisance. The humming and strumming of them is terrible. We cannot sleep at night because they hum over our houses something terrible, and very low down.

Captain Stack: Our regulation is that there shall be no stunting below 1,000 feet. Mr. Caulfield had been warned and ordered not to stunt below 1,000 feet.

Captain Stack added that he believed if Mr. Caulfield had been 500 feet up he could have recovered. A verdict of "Death by misadventure" was returned.

PASTOR BECOMES A TRAMP.

HOLIDAY IN CASUAL WARDS.

The call of the open road was stronger to the Rev. Frank L. Jennings, minister of Marlborough Congregational Church, Old Kent-road, S.E., than the lure of the golden sands by the sea, and so he put aside his clerical garb, donned his oldest suit, and set out for his summer holiday as a real knight of the road.

The tramps with whom he lived and slept for a month in the casual wards never discovered his identity. He was known as "Bill," or "Jock," or anything else that came handy.

He tramped 300 miles of the King's highway, doing the regular tramps of fifteen or sixteen miles a day to the "spike," as tramps call the casual ward, begging his food or doing odd jobs on the way; and now he has come back tired and footsore. His feet are covered with blisters, but he declared it was worth while.

Later he sat in his little study in Bushey Hill-road, sketching with human touches the lives of the men who were his companions. The thing that struck him most about the tramps he encountered was their anxiety for work.

Not more than thirty per cent. of tramps, he is convinced, are really work-shy.

"The present system of dealing with the vagrant on the road seems to me," he said "to be uneconomic and un-Christian. It leaves the man, where it receives him, and he comes out of the casual ward the next morning in the same condition he went in."

"The photograph makes me look as if I would burst into tears," said Miss Gladys Tudor, an actress, at Westminster County when she sued the firm of Miss Dorothy Wilding, photographers, of Old Bond-street, for £5 ts. deposit paid on a photograph.

Miss Tudor is understudy for Miss Violet Loraine, as a comedienne in Charlott's production, "Clara Gibbons," and Mr. Lloyd Williams stated on her behalf that the photograph made her look more like a tragedienne than a comedienne.

Judge Turner: Let me have a look at it.

Miss Tudor: I wanted a bright, attractive photo.

Judge Turner: It is a speaking image. What is wrong with that? It is a sad photo.

Just as you are looking at me now?—Well, that is because I feel sad about it.

Judge Turner: Seeing it, I could not say if I were a younger man what I might do. I might want to go to your aid at once. And we are told that the camera does not lie.

Miss Tudor: But it must; it lies terribly.

Judge Turner: That would bring tears to the eyes of any one. It is a most effective photograph.

Miss Tudor: But I did not want to bring tears to the eyes of any one. I wanted to look bright.

Mr. H. Shanly, for the defence, said that the firm had offered to give another sitting and twelve photographs for seven guineas.

Judgment was entered for the firm with costs.

BETRAYED BY A HANDKERCHIEF.

WOMAN FINDS A MAN UNDER HER BED.

A handkerchief on a bedroom floor led to the detection of Charles Bollman, aged twenty-nine, a chief, who pleaded guilty at London Sessions to stealing a brooch and other articles. He was sentenced to nine months' hard labour.

Mrs. Edith McLaughlin, while staying at the Royal Park Hotel, Knightsbridge, went to her bedroom and found a handkerchief lying on the floor. She stooped to pick it up and saw two feet protruding from under the bed.

She then discovered Bollman hiding there, raised an alarm, and Bollman ran downstairs, but was caught by the hotel porter.

Seven previous convictions were proved against Bollman, who told the court that, after his liberation from Parkhurst Prison in March this year, following a term of four years' penal servitude, he went to sea, but his record leaked out and he became unpopular on board.

He left the ship in South America, worked his passage back to England, and tramped the whole of the south coast unsuccessfully in search of work. He had become reconciled to his mother, who had promised him that if he could show two years' good work he would start him in business.

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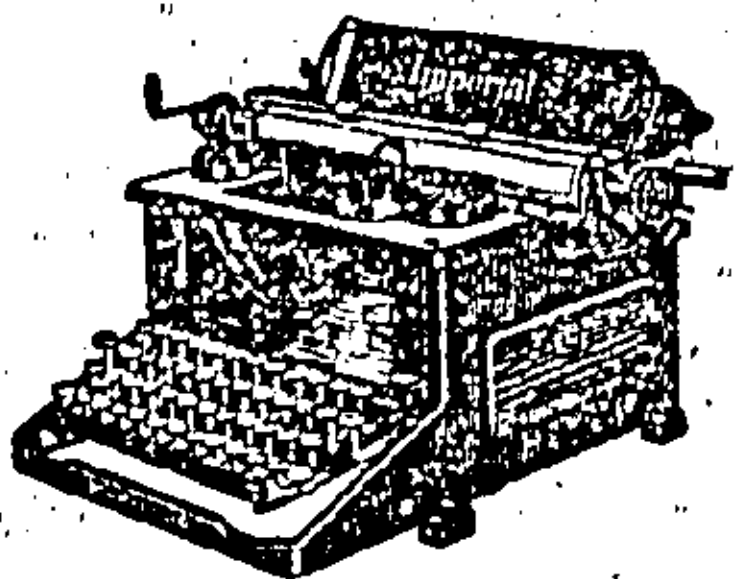
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1A, CHATER ROAD.

ALLEGED SPEEDING
IN KOWLOON.

SUMMONS DISMISSED.

POLICE INSPECTOR AND
CHINESE DRIVER.

Mr. A. Brown, of the Hong Kong Hotel Garage, and a Chinese driver, formerly employed by the Peninsula Hotel Garage, were before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday at the instance of Chief Inspector C. Aris. The summonses against the defendants were that they were driving cars No. 444 (red number) and No. 25 respectively in Chatham Road at 7.30 p.m. on August 11 in a reckless manner.

Both defendants pleaded not guilty.

Inspector Aris in evidence said that he was walking down the Railway Bridge Hill in Chatham Road. It was about 7.30 p.m. on August 11. Mr. Brown driving car No. 444 approached from the Kowloon Football Club at a high speed and witness had to jump out of the way quickly. He estimated that the car was travelling at about 35-40 m.p.h. Almost immediately behind him a public vehicle No. 25 driven by the second defendant came up the hill from the same direction. This car was going at the same rate as the former car. Both cars turned at the top of the hill into Gastogine Road.

Mr. Brown put it to witness that he was not standing in the middle of the road but was standing on the side walk. Witness denied this.

Mr. Brown submitted that it would be impossible for a car to negotiate the corner at the top of the hill at anything near a speed of 35 m.p.h. Inspector Aris replied that he slowed down to take the corner.

Defendant's Version.

Mr. Brown remarked to his Worship that he was going out to the New Territories to pick up a car which had broken down. He had

ADVICE FOR INVESTORS.

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left instructions for the second defendant to follow him with the breakdown car. He was only going at about 30 m.p.h. and recognised Inspector Aris from a distance.

His Worship asked Inspector Aris how long after passing him the defendants slowed down to take the corner. Inspector Aris replied that they slowed down about 10 to 15 feet before they got to the corner.

The second defendant also said that he was travelling at only 20 m.p.h. and that it was impossible for him to slow down from a speed of 35 m.p.h. within 15 feet of the corner to get around. Inspector Aris replied that it was quite possible with good brakes such as defendant's car had.

The second defendant went on to say "whenever Inspector Aris came to the Peninsula Hotel Garage he was very angry." The Inspector had complained to the clerk that his bill had been addressed to him as "Inspector Aris," and not as "Chief Inspector."

His Worship remarked that defendant was suggesting that Inspector Aris had a spite against the Garage because of this. Defendant repeated that Inspector Aris came to the Garage and made a complaint.

Defendant then said that he could prove by the Garage books that he left the Garage five minutes after Mr. Brown and therefore he could not have been immediately behind Mr. Brown's car.

Prosecution's Evidence.

Mr. G. T. Gover, of the Peninsula Hotel, said that he was sitting beside Mr. Brown in the car at the time. He estimated the speed at about 17-18 m.p.h. He did not look at the speedometer because they were not speeding. Inspector Aris was about 30 feet from the corner at Gastogine Road on the sidewalk when witness first saw him. The car slowed down to take the corner.

His Worship dismissed the summons remarking that there was not sufficient evidence to convict.

GOSSIP FROM THE SHARE MARKET.

BRISK TURNOVER REPORTED FOR THE WEEK:
EWOS STILL SOARING UP.

FREE ADVICE FOR INVESTORS.

[By "KUFAN."]

Gossip often moves the market, but no investor should either buy or sell on market gossip only.

The feature of last week's business on the local "Rialto" was the decline in the price of Ewos during the middle of the week, followed by a sudden jump on Saturday, when prices between Tls. 20 and Tls. 20.25 were paid for cash shares, and the day's business closed with demands for more shares. I understand the Shanghai rate was much higher. The local demand for shares was quite heavy yesterday, but as this report deals with the activities of the local market during the last week, I will leave yesterday's business out of it.

To say that those interested in Ewos are feverish over this rise in price would not be exaggerating the position, as since the announcement of the half-year's profit and the payment of the interim dividend of 40 candelinas, shares have been rapidly mounting, and within two months have touched the mark set by the more optimistic of those who dabble in the share market.

Will Ewos go still higher? No doubt there will be a number of believers in this stock, despite its recent jump in value, and the feeling in the market is that prices will be maintained even if they do not soar, which they should. If Ewos can pay 40 candelinas interim dividend, it is reasoned, they should pay a higher final; hence the confidence. Beside the interest in Ewos, shares generally report a brisk turnover for the week in several local stocks, particularly in Cements, Electrics, and Providents.

HONG KONG BANKS: After a few shares had been sold at \$1.530 during the early part of the week, a demand set in for this solid investment, but sellers could not be found at \$1.530, and I am afraid more will have to be offered to induce sellers to part with this stock.

UNIONS are a very firm market. A few shares were sold at \$334, but it seems now almost impossible to get shares at this rate. Sellers would not look at \$334 or even \$335, and on Saturday I understand \$336 was being offered for shares, but without tempting sellers.

HONG KONG FIRES AND CHINA FIRES: These shares are being sought after at \$760 and \$810 respectively.

WHARVES changed hands during the week at \$129, and more shares are wanted at this rate.

PROVIDENTS for some reason had a fairly sharp rise during the early part of the week. Shares changed hands at as high as \$4.70 and \$4.80, but eased off slightly before the end of the week, when sellers could be found at \$4.65.

HONG KONG HOTELS improved during the week, and quite a number of shares changed hands at rates varying between \$6.35 and \$6.50. They fell away to a buying rate of \$3, but at the close of business on Saturday \$8.10 was offered for shares without any result.

LANDS have had a slight improvement and were done at \$61. They finished up with buyers at \$60.75.

HUMPHREYS are wanted at \$14.20 with few shares coming out.

TRAMS: After a few small parcels changed hands at \$18.30 during the early part of the week they finished up with sellers at \$18.20, and buyers offering only \$18.10.

STAR-FERRIES are wanted at \$66.75, and this stock looks a safe "buy" at this rate.

CHINA LIGHTS are a doubtful number at the moment, as there are a good number of rumours going about and as a result the stock has many supporters in the market on the one hand, and as many sellers waiting to unload the minute prices go up. Quite a number of shares changed hands during the week at rates varying between \$12.50 and \$12.75 for cash, but they finished up with sellers at \$12.50, and it looks as if sellers are going to predominate for some time.

HONG KONG ELECTRICS improved during the week and a considerable business was done at rates varying between \$26.50 and \$26. Rumour has it that this Company is going to spread its field of activities and this probably explains why shares have firmed up. "Gossip often moves the market."

ROPES came into the picture during the past week, after being neglected for a long time. A few shares changed hands at \$7.20, and I understand there are further sellers shares at this rate.

CEMENTS: A sharp rise was recorded during the week, buyers paying as much as \$9.55 at one stage, but the "fever" has since subsided, and towards the close shares could be obtained at \$9.10 and buyers were only offering \$9.

EWOS: Shares touched the Tls. 20 mark on Saturday and rapidly went past it. I gather that quite a number of shares were sold to Shanghai during the week at rates varying between Tls. 19.20 and Tls.

RECENT ROBBERY
AT SINCERE'S.ACCUSED PLEADS GUILTY
AT SESSIONS.

APPEAL TO JUDGE.

"I know I have done wrong, but I ask the Court not to ill-treat the second accused. He knows nothing about it."

Words to this effect were addressed by Tung Yee Hing to the Judge at the Criminal Sessions yesterday after he had pleaded guilty to a charge of breaking into the premises of the Sincere Company.

The crime was committed on the night of July 23-25, and the accused was charged with breaking into the shop and also with larceny. The latter charge was dropped on his pleading guilty to the first count. The plea made by the accused was in regard to the second prisoner, Yuen Ping Chung, who was charged with receiving stolen goods.

Mr. H. K. Holmes, Crown Solicitor, told his Lordship that \$4,500 worth of jade articles were stolen, but all had been recovered with the exception of \$200 worth.

In pleading guilty, the first accused said that he came to Hong Kong with a friend who left him here. He had no intention of stealing. He then spoke as stated on behalf of his fellow prisoner.

Addressing the prisoner (Tung Yee Hing), Mr. Justice Wood said that he entered the shop and broke open several cases, stealing therefrom a quantity of jewellery including jade articles. The sentence would be three years with hard labour.

The second prisoner, Yuen Ping Chung, having pleaded not guilty to the charge of receiving stolen property, his trial was adjourned until 10.30 a.m. to-day.

ARMY CONTRACTOR
ROBBED.\$1,800 STOLEN FROM A
SAFE.

AN ASSISTANT SUSPECTED.

A theft of \$1,000 in money has been reported to the police by Mr. Shadi Lal, an Indian regimental contractor who has a store at Whitefield Barracks, Kowloon.

It appears that the theft occurred after 2 p.m. on Sunday, but it was not detected until about 9 o'clock the same evening. In the afternoon Mr. Lal was outside for a few minutes, having left the key of the safe on his office table. Apparently advantage was taken of the opportunity to open the safe with the key and extract the money.

A Chinese clerk employed as an assistant at the store is suspected. His lodgings at 293, Temple Street, first floor, were subsequently looked up, but the man had absconded. Investigations are being made by the police.

TRADING JUNK PIRATED.

FOKI ESCAPES TO TELL
THE STORY.

According to a report made to the Police by a Chinese junk foki, a Hong Kong trading junk which left here for Macao on Saturday night, was pirated when almost within sight of Macao. The pirates were in a launch and after firing a volley of shots from small firearms, managed to board the junk.

After a thorough search, the pirates took three members of the junk's crew onto their launch and towed the junk away in the direction of Macao.

The foki who escaped to make the report said that he jumped into the water as the pirates were boarding and managed to keep afloat until rescued by a fishing junk. He was taken to Macao and later came to Hong Kong. He told the authorities that some of the pirates wore what appeared to be Chinese sailors' uniform.

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JUDGE COMMENDS A
COOLIE.ASSISTANCE IN ARRESTING
ARMED ROBBER.

At the Criminal Sessions yesterday, Wong Yee Him, who was accused of assault and attempted robbery at 7, Kiu Yiu Fong, together with other persons unknown, pleaded guilty to the charge.

His Lordship then addressed Li Lum, a Sanitary Department coolie as follows:—

"I see from the record in the Police Court that you were instrumental in arresting this man. It appears that you were in your quarters and heard a whistle blown in the neighbourhood. You looked out, saw this man, and found reason to suspect him. You then followed him for a considerable distance and when you came to some more employees of the Sanitary Department, with their assistance, you arrested him and he threw away a knife. You have acted in a very prompt and creditable manner.

Accused was sentenced to undergo three years with hard labour.

PITS OF DEAD BODIES.

FAMINE TRAGEDIES IN
SHENSI.

Sianfu.—Every one of the 92 districts of the province of Shensi is suffering from famine and people are dying everywhere of starvation. Nineteen congee stations and 14 concentration camps have been established in Sianfu alone, and yet at least 100 persons die of starvation daily in the city.

Nothing can be more pathetic and heart-breaking to witness than the long lines of famine sufferers waiting for days before the congee stations, many lying lifeless on the ground before they obtained the scanty ration.

Unbearable Torture. Thousands in other districts who could not bear the torture of hunger ended their lives by taking poison or drowned themselves. Children are often left on the roads, starving and crying by their dead parents. Many were put to death by their parents just to save them from the suffering.

The "Wan Jen (10,000 people) Pits" in many districts are already filled up with corpses, while dead bodies are often seen in the streets.

Houses were pulled down by the starving people and the wood obtained therefrom was exchanged for one day's meal which is hardly worth 60 or 70 cents.

One piece of brainy costs 875, and the cheapest grain is marketed at 850 per picul. It is far beyond the starving people's means to purchase enough food to keep themselves alive. The autumn crop is a failure and seeds are nowhere to be obtained.

DOWN WITH MOON
WORSHIP.CANTON'S "HIGHBROWS"
BUSY.BUT THE POPULACE DOES
AS USUAL.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, September 15.

To-morrow, September 17, the 15th day of the 8th moon, is Mid-Autumn Day, one of the four big annual festivals in China, and popularly known as the Moon Festival. The moon will be worshipped by boys and girls throughout China. Among the customary sacrifices are the famous moon cakes, sugar, east figures, and other typically Chinese confections. The baker's shops in Canton have been preparing for a long time and every one of these shops is beautifully decorated. At the front entrance of the larger shops two grotesque figures made of clay are erected and gorgeously dressed. They are the guardian spirits of the shop and carry huge swords or lances to prevent the entrance of any evil spirit that might want to bring misfortune to the business. Their dresses are dwarfed banyan trees twisted in the form of a human body. These trees are grown in Fong Tsou in big flower pots and are brought over to Canton in huge numbers every year at about this time to decorate the baker's shops.

But in spite of preparations and decorations the bakers are not doing nearly as well this year as formerly and the activities of the Canton "Ameliorators" are chiefly blamed. They have of late been very busy with propaganda condemning the moon worship as a dangerous superstition, but they have not gone so far as to stop the making and selling of moon cakes, or actually to proscribe moon worship. But their widespread propaganda has certainly had an effect.

The Society for the Amelioration of Beliefs and Customs are putting up slogans denouncing moon worship. Among other things these posters state that all religious and social superstitions must be banned, and that joss worshipping, nuns, priests, fortune tellers, geomancers, palmists and idols should not be tolerated in this age of scientific enlightenment. (2) To-morrow at the Provincial Kuomintang Headquarters a big demonstration will be staged at noon when "Superstition Elimination Day" will be formally inaugurated to take the place of the Moon Festival.

CANTON'S ARSENAL.

DRASTIC ECONOMY
POLICY.
LESS MONEY AND SMALLER
OUTPUT.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Sept. 16.
In consequence of the disbanding of troops and the reorganization of the armies of Kwangtung, General Chen Tsai Tong has cut down the expenses of the Government Arsenal at Shek Cheng from \$240,000 to \$140,000 a month.

When Marshal Li Tsai Hein was in power, the monthly expenditure was \$300,000, but when Gen. Chen Tsai Tong assumed control of the military affairs of the Province after the defeat of the Kwangsi clique, the expenses were reduced to \$240,000 a month, and later further reduced to \$240,000. This reduction in expenses has meant a correspondingly decreased output. Prior to September the monthly output of the Arsenal was 1,007 rifles, 13 machine guns, one aeroplane machine gun, 1,440,000 cartridges, 1,000 7.5 shells and 200 fifty-pound bombs for sea and air. The future output will be only 600 rifles, 10 machine guns, 670,000 rounds of assorted cartridges, and 600 7.5 shells.

The local military authorities believe this drastic reduction in expenses to be necessary, in view of the large sums needed for disbandment purposes. Steps are being taken to turn over the control of the Arsenal to the Nanking Ministry of War in accordance with the decision of the First National Troop Disbandment Conference. But in the meantime, the local military authorities will be in control.

CHEN MING SHU'S
RETURN.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Sept. 16.
General Chen Ming Shu has decided to return to Canton next week. He will probably be accompanied by Mr. Sun Fo, the Minister of Railways.

NOISY SCENE AT MURDER TRIAL.

GIRL'S ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE PRISONER.
DENOUNCED AS A KIDNAPPER AND ROBBER CHIEF.THE INDIAN CONSTABLE CASE
OPENED.

Scathing denunciations of the prisoner and hysterical cries from a girl witness marked one stage in the trial of a Chinese at the Criminal Sessions before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) yesterday for the murder of an Indian constable. Speaking in the Hakka dialect, the witness referred to the prisoner as "a robber chief" and the "single-eyed devil." Allegations of having been kidnapped and forced to live with the prisoner were made by the girl, and in the end she had to be forcibly removed from the Court after an outburst during cross-examination.

On the charge being read out to the prisoner, Lam Ling, he pleaded guilty. His counsel, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., said he did not think the accused realised what he was pleading, whereupon His Lordship directed the interpreter to point out that accused was charged with deliberately killing a man. The accused then answered "I do not do it." This was accepted as a plea of "not guilty" and the trial proceeded before a jury.

THE CROWN CASE OPENED.

Opening the case for the Crown, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy said Lam Ling was charged with the murder of an Indian constable named Sapuran Singh at Yaumati on July 10. The latter went on beat duty at eight o'clock that night and was supposed to patrol until midnight. Two chops were taken before nine o'clock but about ten o'clock when he should have given a third to a superior officer he was not to be found. He did not hand over his duty to his relief at midnight and search parties later went out.

His body was found on the hillside near Kun Chung market. His shorts were lying some distance away, and his shirt was pulled up round his neck. His head had been battered in, presumably by a chopper and his revolver holster was lying about fifteen inches away. It was fastened but did not contain the revolver. His trunkcoat was found in some bushes near a small shed and his turban, partly unrolled, alongside some matting. One chopper was found just in front of the body and another, a smaller one, underneath it.

There were no signs of a struggle. The ground was hard and there were no signs of footprints. The body was about twelve yards from the hut and everything tended to show that the constable was killed as he lay.

Medical evidence was to the effect that the constable was on the ground when he received the blows. If that was reliable, said counsel, then it followed that he had his clothes off and his shirt pulled round his neck when he was killed.

Revolver Taken Away.

On the following day a man and a woman were seen near the border. They were joined by two other men and a farmer saw the woman throw something to the accused. Shots were fired and the villagers set off after accused and demanded the revolver. He replied that he had thrown it away. When found it was kept by a villager for some time until he gave it to another man who handed it to the police at Sheung Shui. It was the revolver issued to Sapuran Singh on the night of his death.

The woman would tell the jury that she had been kidnapped in the country by accused and had been compelled to live with him. She would also say that, on the night of his death, the Indian constable bargained with the man regarding the woman. The woman would say that she refused to have anything to do with the Indian and that she ran away. She would further state that accused said he wanted to get the Indian's revolver and that later he made a statement to her saying what he had done and that they were going to Taipei.

Medical Evidence.

Dr. J. E. Doye, medical officer in charge of Kowloon Mortuary, said there were multiple injuries on the left side of the Indian's head, the wounds being so numerous that the skull underneath had been broken completely away.

The cause of death was laceration of the brain and shock. He inferred that the wounds on the head were inflicted as the man was lying on the ground. The wounds on the hands might have been caused if he tried to defend his head. The blows had been delivered with considerable force.

In answer to Mr. Alabaster, Dr. Doye said he thought the man had been dead from 18 to 30 hours. Counsel remarked that at the Police Court witness had said the man had been dead at least eight hours. Witness explained that rigor mortis came on more quickly in some cases than in others. His change of opinion was not the result of other facts having come to his knowledge.

Mr. Alabaster: How long in this climate, in the open air and in the rain of July, does rigor mortis last? —It passes off as a rule in a day. On the second day decomposition starts.

The body was quite fresh and decomposition had not set in? —Yes.

The Woman in the Case.

The revolver produced in Court was identified as the weapon issued to the deceased constable shortly before he was sent out on his beat at 8 p.m. Other evidence, including that of Sgt. Wilcox and Detective Inspector Fallon, went to show that the body was discovered shortly after 5 o'clock the next morning by the search party.

Chan Kui, the girl who is said to have been living with the accused in a small shack, stated in evidence that she was 18 years old.

Asked by Mr. Fitzroy if she knew the accused, the girl answered: "I do not know him; he is the chief of the robbers."

Mr. Fitzroy: Why do you say he is the chief of the robbers? —I only came to know him because he kidnapped me and brought me here. Continuing, witness said that the accused kidnapped her from Pok Lau Village in the Sheung Shui District on January 1, 1928, and after they had stayed some time at another place she was brought to Hong Kong on November 9, and she had been living with him since.

Referring to the events of the night in question, witness said that the Indian constable first visited the hut at about 7 p.m., and again an hour later when she and the accused were still having their meal. During the earlier visit the Indian made a suggestion to the accused that witness should go outside with him. He had also given her a gun. He said which was accepted. Witness absolutely refused, whereupon the constable demanded the return of the money, but the accused would not part with it. On the second visit the Indian again raised the question, but she still refused, and at about 9 o'clock she left for her elder brother's house.

Quoted regarding the "elder brother" the girl said that she called him that. The elder brother lived at Homuntin and she was there till 1 a.m. At that time the accused came to the door of the flat on the top floor and asked her to go with him to Canton. She was threatened and finally went with him.

Walked all Night.

Witness went on to say that they walked all night and on the evening of the following day they came to a place where there were two temples. Here the accused was accosted by two men who questioned him regarding the girl. The two men taxed the accused with having kidnapped the girl (the witness) and suggested that he should accompany them to the police station. The accused then ran away, followed by the two men, and he fired four rounds with the revolver at his pursuers. Later he threw the weapon on the hillside and was arrested by the villagers who joined in the pursuit.

Cross-examination Contradictions.

Cross-examined by Mr. Alabaster, the girl said that she had never seen the two choppers produced in Court. Asked to turn her eyes in the direction of the articles, she replied in a stubborn tone "I do not want to look at them."

A pair of clogs she admitted were her property. Counsel drew attention to her statement in her examination-in-chief that she knew nothing about them. Witness replied that she did not mean to say that they did not belong to her.

Mr. Alabaster questioned her about a small piece of a mirror. Witness said that it belonged to the "single-eyed devil."

And the comb? —It is the devil's comb.

In further cross-examination, witness said that she did not know anything about the murder of the Indian constable. Mr. Alabaster asked her whether she remembered her statement at the Police Court. She stated then that she saw the accused and the Indian quarrelling, and she went to her "elder brother" and brought him to the hut.

Witness would not answer that question directly and proceeded to explain. On being pressed for an answer, she burst into piercing shrieks, and eventually had to be removed from Court.

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AN ALLEGED \$20
BRIBE.SAMPAN MAN AND JUNK
INSPECTOR.ACCUSED FOUND NOT GUILTY
BY JURY.

The correctness of an English translation of a statement made by an accused was questioned by Mr. H. F. Shing Lo, who, instructed by Mr. F. C. E. Hendall, of Messrs. Russ & Company, appeared for the defence of 13 Lam, who was on trial at the Criminal Sessions yesterday before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) for offering a bribe of \$20 to Mr. W. R. Hillyer, Chief Junk Inspector.

"Tea Money" or Duty?
Mr. H. K. Holmes, Crown Solicitor, alleged that the statement meant that the accused offered the balance of the money to Mr. Hillyer as "tea money" after duty on Chinese wine had been paid, but Mr. Lo disputed this, saying that the money was handed over to pay the duty and any balance should be returned to the accused.

Explaining the case, Mr. Holmes said that at 8 a.m. on August 30, Mr. Rocha, Assistant Junk Inspector, saw from his launch a sampan making for the beach at Kennedy Town where it grounded. Two men jumped out and ran away. The sampan was then taken in tow to the Harbour Office pier, and it was found to contain 20 packages of Chinese wine on which \$29.80 was payable as duty.

At 10 o'clock Mr. Rocha met two men, one of them the accused, and together they went to see Mr. Hillyer. The accused told Mr. Hillyer that the sampan belonged to his brother and he was told to bring him along. At 11 o'clock the accused returned alone, saying that his brother was afraid to come, but added that he had been given \$20 to hand to the inspector.

Statement and Translation.

Accused then took from his pocket two \$10 bills, and according to the prosecution, said "I give you (Mr. Hillyer) \$20 for drinking wine at the same time handing the money over Mr. Hillyer then sent for a police officer and arrested accused. Mr. Holmes continued that when charged at the Central Police Station, accused said: "I gave \$20 to the Inspector and told him to pay duty for me. I did not know the laws of Hong Kong. The wine is not mine. My relations told me to go to the Harbour Office to pay duty, so I gave \$20 to the Inspector to pay duty and to keep the balance, whether much or little, as tea money."

The Sergeant Interpreter at Central Police Station, in evidence, read an English translation of a statement which he said was made and signed by the accused, the translation being the same as that read by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Lo put it to the witness that there should be a full stop after "Inspector," and the pronoun "I" was inferred, making the statement read "I give \$20 to the inspector. After paying the duty I (accused) keep the balance, etc." Witness did not agree. Later witness said that the Chinese characters did not say who was to keep the balance, and Mr. Lo suggested that they meant the accused should keep it.

The Defence.

Outlining his defence, Mr. Lo said that on the morning of August 30 defendant was visited by his brother (Yau Yan) who told him that the sampan and cargo had been seized. Defendant was given \$20 and told to go to the Harbour Office along with another man who was present, Yau Sing, to pay duty and apply for the release of the sampan and cargo.

On arrival at the office the defendant told Mr. Hillyer "I give you \$20 for wine duty." Unfortunately the Inspector made a mistake and regarded the money as a present. There was no intention of handing the money over except as payment of duty.

Evidence called for the defence was to the effect that when the money was paid to the accused he was asked to keep anything over and above the duty payment as "tea money."

After his Lordship had summed up, the jury retired for a few minutes and returned with a verdict of "not guilty." His Lordship thereupon discharged the accused.

Prisoner's Injuries.

Dr. D. J. Valentine, medical Officer of the Kowloon Hospital, gave evidence of treating the prisoner on July 15. The man was brought to him with several injuries. There were four wounds on the back of the left hand, three on the back of the right hand, a superficial scalp wound, an abrasion on the left side of the body, and other scratches. The wounds appeared to be about four days old and might have been received in a struggle.

Cross-examined, witness agreed that the prisoner might have been attacked with an implement such as one of the choppers in Court. The scratches might have been caused by finger nails during the struggle, and it was possible that the man fell down and received the abrasion on the side of the body.

At this stage the Court adjourned until 10.30 a.m., to-day.

ROUND THE COURTS.

ASSAULT CHARGE AGAINST
SOLDIERS.

CASE FIXED FOR MONDAY.

Privates Thomas McEwen and Harry Shen of the K.O.S.B. made another appearance on remand, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at Central Magistracy yesterday, on charges of assaulting an old woman and a chair coolie.

Owing to illness of the woman, who was at one time reported to be in a critical condition, the case had to be remanded. McEwen also had been sick and had been in prison hospital.

Both parties appeared before Mr. Hamilton yesterday, the old woman still showing signs of weakness and being unable to walk. Noticing the woman's condition, the Magistrate stated that he was not aware that the woman would be brought to Court and that it was not his wish that that should be done.

Addressing McEwen, Mr. Hamilton said: I understand you have been unable to find bail and the prison doctor is inclined to think that the Prison Hospital is prejudicial to your health. I understand that the Military will be prepared to have you back in their custody again. You will then probably go to the Military Hospital. In any case I leave the Military authorities to make such arrangements as they think fit.

The hearing was fixed for Monday next at noon.

THE CLOGS AND THE
STAIRS.

Convicted of being found on the staircase of No. 242 Prince Edward Road with the intent to commit a felony at 4 a.m. on September 15, of assault and resisting arrest, a Chinese was sent to prison for four months with hard labour by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

Defendant said that he was looking for a friend and had gone to the wrong house. The detective who arrested him twisted his arms and hit him.

The detective in evidence said that the defendant was taken up the stairs to the first floor. There it was found that various articles of clothing had been stolen. A pair of trousers had been abandoned on the second floor and a door on the first floor was found open. The tenant told his Worship that a bar had been placed over the door and he could not explain how it had been placed.

His Worship asked the defendant why he had left his clogs at the bottom of the stairs and received a reply that they would have made a noise.

His Worship—They would.

His Worship convicted the defendant on both charges.

WEARING FIVE COATS!

A Chinese was arrested wearing five coats under his own. He was charged before Mr. Whyte Smith with larceny and was sentenced to three months' hard labour. His record showed a previous conviction for stealing last August.

ALLEGED KIDNAPPING.

Charged with attempting to kidnap a small boy from his parents at 214 Portland Street, a Chinese, who appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith, was remanded for a week, the hearing being fixed for Wednesday the 24th instant.

STREET FOUNTAIN FIGHT.

A charge of fighting at a street fountain reminiscent of water fountain days was heard before Mr. Whyte Smith when a man was alleged to have attempted to push a woman at a Shum Shui Po fountain. When she resisted he struck her on the arm with his bamboo pole. The woman retaliated and hit him with a sling, but received another blow with the bamboo on the forehead.

His Worship remarked that he thought street fountain fights were over. The defendant, however, had no business to hit the woman. A fine of \$10 and a compensation of \$5 to the woman was ordered by the Magistrate.

MORE GAMBLING.

A Chinese pleaded guilty to keeping a common gaming house in Canton Road and was fined \$50. Six others were fined \$3 for gambling and four balls of \$5 were extracted, the defendants failing to make an appearance in Court.

CRUELTY TO CHICKENS.

Five Chinese were before Mr. Whyte Smith for carrying chickens suspended by the wings. They were fined \$5 each. In another case a man was fined \$10 for cramming 8 fowls into a small crate.

CHISEL USED IN A FIGHT.

Charged with assaulting a fellow workman with a chisel a Chinese apprentice pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and ordered to pay \$5 to the complainant.

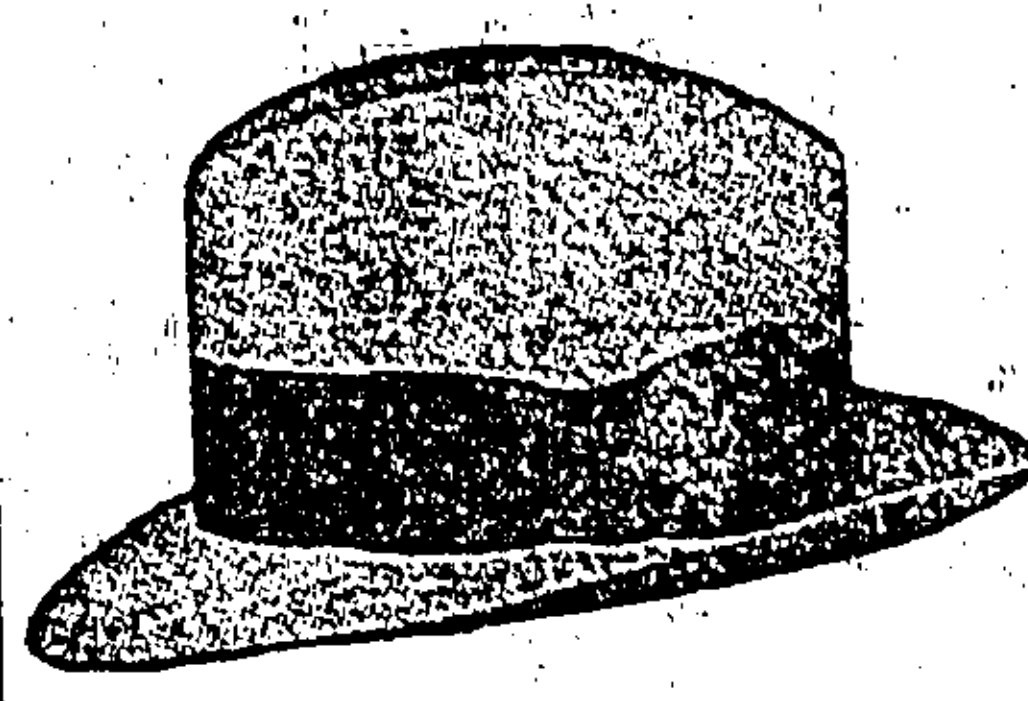
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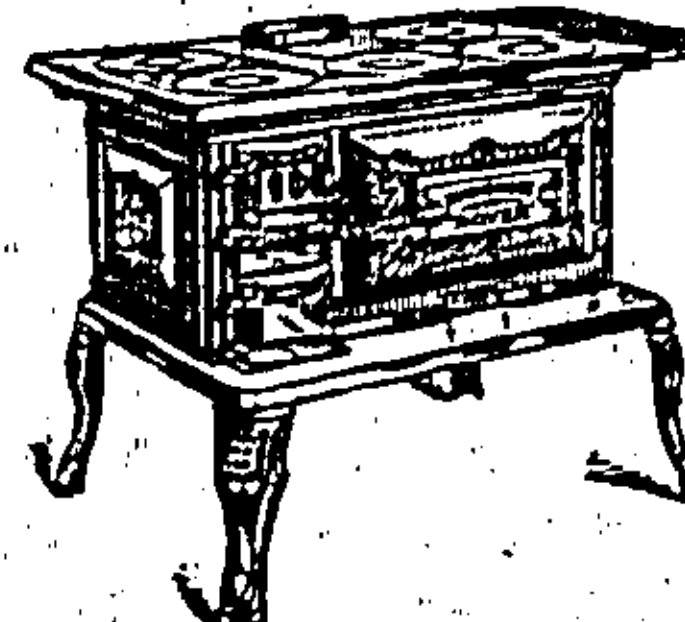
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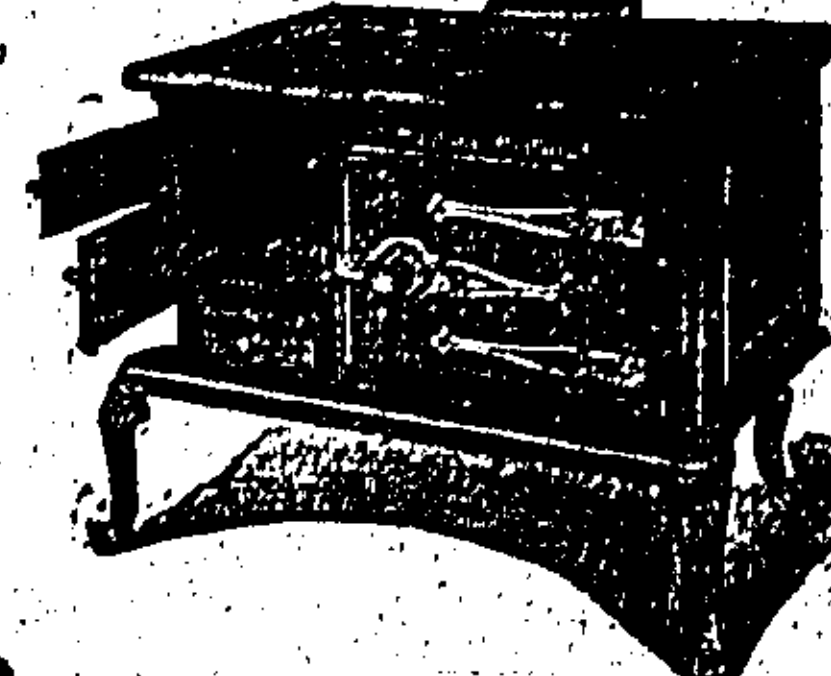
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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, fore-
cast and remarks, issued by the
Royal Observatory at 5.15 p.m.,
stated—
"A weak anticyclone is central
over the lower Yangtze Valley.
Pressure remains relatively low to
east of the Visayas.
Local Forecast: E. winds, mode-
rate, fair."

BIRTH.

SANGER.—On September 15, at the
Victoria Hospital, to Mr. and
Mrs. R. SANGER—a daughter.
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RENTS AND RETAIL
BUSINESS.

RECENTLY in these columns we re-
ferred to the lack of British citizens
in Hong Kong of a wealth and in-
fluence comparable to that of many
of the pioneers of the Colony's
prosperity. A healthy commercial
community, especially in such a trade
emporium as Hong Kong, should,
however, include not only big and
old-established firms, but businesses
small and large, owned and managed
individually by their founders and
promoters. The man who has had
the courage to strike out for him-
self, and is showing ability to seize
opportunities and to make good, is
an asset to any community. Not
only such firms as WHITEWAY,
LAIDLAW and LANE, CRAWFORD's
began in a small way, but also
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., the
"princely house." Not everyone
who sets up for himself becomes the
head of a great enterprise, but the
majority build up comfortable busi-
nesses, run with the usual standard
of competency and honesty associ-
ated with British commerce. These
independent firms are a proper
stimulus to the older and larger
concerns; they make managers
realise that the present is no time
for standing still; they act as the
goad which makes all the difference
between a policy of expansion and a
doubtful holding of the position
already gained; they impel enter-
prise as against economy.

In the staff of any first-rate con-
cern the majority of men are con-
tent to gain increasing mastery
over the business, and to move
steadily up to a senior position and
an honourable retirement. But
there is also a minority of restless
spirits, men of the type—to quote
a somewhat hackneyed instance—of
ROBERT CLIVE, an indifferent clerk
but a brilliant soldier with sufficient
business sense to amass in the end
a very big fortune. If CLIVE's
methods were not too admirable
they were no worse than the
current standards of his day.

Competition in the race for riches
is always keen, and the cynic who
described a genius as "a man who
makes money" has a strong case
in support of his definition.

The practical question arises as to
whether conditions prevailing in this
Colony are such as to attract and
provide a reasonable opening for
the individual trader starting on
his own account with a small
amount of capital, ample ability
and local experience. Will such
people risk their savings in Hong
Kong or are the obstacles too great?

The rent problem is the gravest
of all to the "small man" in Hong
Kong. Office rent is high enough,
but for tiny retail premises, hardly
larger than a cabin, from \$300 to
\$500 a month is asked and the prices
for better accommodation are on a
corresponding scale. That is a
huge burden for a moderate-sized
business to carry. Nor do overhead
expenses end there. Electric current
for light, for fans, and for heat-
ing for about three months in the
year, is another item. Native
labour does not get cheaper, but the
climate shows no signs of modify-
ing itself to the extent of making
manual labour a pleasure to Euro-

peans during the summer. In this
connection heat, humidity, and
cockroaches are virulent destroyers
not only of temper but of textile
fabrics and foodstuffs. Goods re-
quire an elaborate and expen-
sive storage, which still further
diminishes profits, and even then
certain lines deteriorate rapidly.

Owing to a number of circum-
stances, well-known to everybody,
European banks have to exercise
extreme caution in providing credit.
The system is that when credit is
given to a retailer on an order
placed overseas the goods are con-
signed to the bank, and cannot be
touched by the consignee until full
payment has been made. This is,
of course, a very necessary safe-
guard, and the banks do a great
deal of business at the risk of
having left on their hands goods
which they do not want, and may
not be able to place if the con-
signee fails to take delivery. In
the case of consignees of proved
stability, some elasticity of credit
may be allowed, but in this direc-
tion less rigidity during a bad
season might have enabled more
than one concern to carry on and
eventually become a valued client
of its bank. A distressing number
of small-scale European businesses
have failed in recent years, and
others to-day are struggling along
under overhead expenses which give
a bare living to the proprietor, un-
certain returns to those who have
backed them, and no chance of
launching out on accumulated sav-
ings.

Another matter, which can be
only outlined here, is the social
structure of the Colony. It consists
in the main of messes for young
men and expensive quarters, either
flats or houses, for established per-
sons of middle age. Rents for flats
are high, small houses, except pos-
sibly at far-off Kowloon Tong, are
simply not obtainable. Nor is our
educational system above criticism.
These are stronger factors than is
generally realised when an active
and ambitious man, past youth and
married, is contemplating the prob-
lem of either a career in Hong
Kong or migrating elsewhere. We
do not believe that there are no
further openings for British retail
enterprises in this Colony. Huge
departmental stores have grown up
under Chinese management, while
British business-men have been look-
ing back to olden days. New inven-
tions mean new opportunities, and
to mention but one line of business,
the introduction of moderately-
priced clothing has been welcomed
by men and women of limited
means. The chances are here—both
in the Colony and up country, but
it cannot be said that British people
are seizing them as they did a
generation ago. The big firms may
say that trade is bad enough already
without encouraging further com-
petition. But monopolies are not
to lead to the very stagnation and
depression which is deplored.

Is it not significant that well-
managed Chinese retail establish-
ments do not complain of any lack
of customers, small and large? If
British commerce is not so
flourishing that we can afford to
trifle with our Chinese markets by
discouraging men of the type who
established the firms that are an
asset not only to Hong Kong but
to the Empire.

News and Views.

The *Sinuanpao* reports that the
Ministry of Navy will shortly build
a new man-of-war in Japan.

The launching of the gunboat
Min-chuan, built by the Kiangnan
Dockyard, will take place on
September 21.

Kwahtah Singh, Indian warder,
was sentenced to 15 days imprison-
ment in Shanghai for attempting
to obtain a bribe from a Chinese
woman.

Eleven members of the Japanese
Diet, under the leadership of Mr.
S. Nakaya, of the Seiyukai Party,
have left Tokyo to make an econo-
mic investigation in China.

The Spanish Government is re-
ported to be considering the crea-
tion of state monopolies with re-
gard to the import, and manufac-
ture of automobiles and films.

News has just been received of
the death of Mrs. Edith Mary
Boland, which occurred in Well-
ington, New Zealand, last month.
Mrs. Boland was the wife of Mr.
C. S. J. Boland, formerly a con-
sistable attached to the British Con-
sulate at Amoy and later at Shang-
hai.

Friends of Mrs. Elsa A. Allan,
the wife of Mr. Arthur S. Allan,
of Shanghai, will be sorry to hear
that she is seriously ill in the
University of California Hospital,
San Francisco.

The China Native Silk Goods
Salvation Association has requested
the Mayor of Greater Shanghai to
issue an order urging the people
to use native silk goods in prefer-
ence to foreign products.

Admiral Yang Sz Chwang will
remain as Chairman of the Fukien
Provincial Government, and is
proceeding to Nanking to recom-
mend Admiral Sah Chen Ping for
the post of Minister of the Navy.

Motor gear to the value of \$380
has been reported stolen by Mr. M.
E. A. Kerneik of Caertan, Pok-
fulam Road. The articles were
taken from the garage and included
three Goodyear tyres, an electric
horn, a valve horn, two generators
and a set of tools.

The Forbes Russell Company gave
another very successful performance
of "Her Cardboard Lover" at the
Theatre Royal last night, all the
players being in excellent form.
To-night the Company give "The
Patsy or Molly Make Believe,"
which will be repeated to-morrow.

The Japanese harbour authorities
at Dairen, in a notification dated
September 3, issued the following
information:—Owing to repairs be-
ing effected, the beacon light on
Ken-sho (Dangerous Reef), east-
ward of Kita San-zan-to (North
Sanchantao), will not be exhibited
for about one month commencing
from August 30, 1929. Approximate
position of the beacon: Latitude,
38° 38' N.; Longitude, 121° 58' E.

At a meeting of the Governing
Board of the Chinese Foreign
Famine Relief Committee \$23,000
was allocated to Shensi, \$10,000 to
Honan and \$1,800 to Shantung for
famine relief in these provinces. A
sum of \$1,500 collected for the
sufferers through the big explosion
in Yunnanfu, was authorised for
distribution. It was further re-
ported that for the present famine
over \$350,000 had been raised and
that the expenses amounted to
\$2,348.

The godown of the Tientsin-
Pukow Railway at Pukow together
with a large quantity of valuable
cargo, has been destroyed by fire.
The cause of the conflagration is
yet unknown as is the actual
amount of loss. The godown was
full of cargo waiting to be trans-
ported to the North. It is stated,
however, that the loss was fully
protected by insurance.

Summoned to attend the Criminal
Sessions yesterday as a juror, Mr.
F. M. Ellis, sharebroker, was
absent when his name was called.
He appeared before the Justice
Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) later in
the morning with an expression of
regret, adding that he had been
very busy. Mr. Ellis was fined
\$25 and ordered to remain in Court
until the case concluded in the
afternoon.

Mr. R. M. Henderson's Return.

Mr. R. M. Henderson, Assistant
Director of Public Works, who has
been in England on important busi-
ness in connection with the harbour
pipe line and other water-works
developments, returned yesterday
by the Empress of France. On en-
quiry at the P.W.D. yesterday our
representative was informed that
the pipes for the cross-harbour
line are "on the way." The work
is expected to be completed early
next year and at present everything
is going "according to plan."

"B.P."s New Title.

Some weeks ago the Chief Scout
was honoured by the King and
elevated to the peerage. The new
title taken by "B.P." is Lord
Baden-Powell of Gilwell. The Chief
Scout's choice of the name Gilwell
as part of his new title brought
delight to the hearts of 500 Scout-
masters when he announced it to
them at the "old Gilwellians"
reunion last month, for they, like
many others, had gone through the
training camp established at Gil-
well Park and were wearing proud-
ly on their neckerchiefs the square
of McLaren Tartan that denotes
"graduate" of this "Scoutmas-
ters' university." Gilwell Park
may be explained as the old hunt-
ing lodge in Epping Forest, Essex,
and it was given to the Scout move-
ment by Bois McLaren, a Scottish
Scout Commissioner, in 1918.
Scoutmasters all over the world
have been trained there, and one of
them, the Earl of Mearns, went
through the course at the age of 66.
Since the Gilwell Park camp was
established, similar training centres
have been instituted in other parts
of the country and, by passing
through these, candidates obtain
the hall-mark of their craft.

The Central Fire Brigade received
a call from the Central Market dur-
ing the tiffin hour yesterday. It
appears that some workmen who
were repairing the roof of the
building left some hot soldering
irons near the woodwork which
caused the trouble. Some little
damage was caused by the fire,
which was extinguished by chemical
sprayers.

Brigadier M. Graham, D.S.O.,
Assistant Director of Remounts,
described as "the perfect horse-
man," who was famous in Horse
Shows throughout the country, with
his 25-year-old "Old Broncho," a
war veteran as he medalled as his
master, died in Dublin from in-
juries he received when he fell from
his horse at the Royal Dublin
Society's Horse Show.

The Governor of Papua.

The Lieut.-Governor of Papua
(Sir Hubert Murray) and his niece,
Miss Morrison, also the pilot, had
a narrow escape, when the aero-
plane in which they were making a
pleasure flight with Mr. Ray Parer,
crashed from a height of 50 feet
at Port Moresby recently. It is
understood that Mr. Ray Parer, of
the Morlae airline, flying a D.H.
nine machine, was taking off at the
aerodrome when the carburettor cut
out at the end of the runway, and
the plane fell from a height of 50
feet into the long grass. Mr.
Parer panicked the machine, and
the passengers and himself escaped
with shock, a few scratches, and
bruises. The plane was badly
smashed. It is understood that it
was uninsured.

Houses Infested With Vermin.

Appalling conditions in a Welsh
mining district were revealed by the
recent annual report of the Medical
Officer of Health for Blaenauvon
(Monmouth), who said that the
housing shortage was so acute that
overcrowding not only in the older
houses but the new Council houses
is becoming rampant. In one house
there were no less than sixteen
people. At many of these houses
parents and children are compelled
to sleep in the same bedroom, whilst
as regards sex accommodation it is
not uncommon to find brothers and
sisters, many of whom have reach-
ed adult age, sleeping in the same
apartment. In some cases children
were born in the only bedroom,
where three, four, or often more
children had necessarily to sleep.
In case of death (adds the report)
the body is usually laid out in the
living room, this being the only place
available, where it remains five
or six days before interment. Most
of the houses built sixty or seventy
years ago are so badly infested
with vermin and rats as to make
the lives of the occupants almost
unbearable.

Porcelain Bells.

The dedication of a war memorial
chapel in porcelain and the ringing
of a chime of real porcelain bells
from the church belfry were two of
the features of the celebrations last
month at Meissen, Saxony, in com-
memoration of the 500th anniver-
sary of the town. For over three
centuries Meissen has been famous
for the manufacture of porcelain
and china. The war memorial
chapel, which has seating accom-
modation for over 500 people, is of
ornate design, and has taken over
three years to build. The whole of
the interior has been lined with
coloured porcelain and large com-
memorative groups have been
fashioned in china clay to decorate
the walls. The chime of porcelain
bells is the first of its kind in the
world. Embracing a full carillon,
they range in size from 4 feet in
height to 30 inches. The bells were
rung for the first time to announce
the beginning of the festivities, and
during the week many famous Con-
tinental campanologists gave re-
citals. Meissen was one of the first
places in Europe, if not the first,
where porcelain was manufactured.

Exotic Dances.

The Hungarian Minister of the
Interior has declared war on
modern dancing. At a conference
which was held at the Ministry
last month it was decided formally
to prohibit "supermodern" exotic
dances at public dancing places,
and to conduct a campaign to re-
store the prestige of the old Hun-
garian national dances. A resolu-
tion was passed providing for the
State inspection of dancing schools,
to ensure that where modern dan-
cing is taught it is on lines to which
the Ministry does not object. It
was stated that the objection is not
to modern dances as such, but to
the manner in which they are per-
formed. A posse of women detec-
tives invaded the Danube Ladies'
Swimming School, by the Ersebet
Bridge, and, despite indignant pro-
tests, took the names of women
found wearing "too transparent
costumes" in the bath, or insuffi-
ciently clad on the sunbathing
terrace. The women bathers de-
clared that they were entitled to dress
as they pleased in a bath reserved
for their own sex. The women
police replied that "Peeping Toms"
of Budapest on the Ersebet Bridge
made it essential to control the
Hungarian Godivas.

Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2339
situated at the junction of Tai Nan
and Cedar Streets was sold at the
Crown Land Office yesterday after-
noon to Mr. Ip Shui Shan of 163,
Cheung Sau Wan Road for \$19,400.
The upset price was \$16,600. The
land has an area of about 9,520 sq-
feet and its annual rental is \$110.

Ugly Wireless Aerials.

The Berlin police, as guardians of
the city's outward aspect, have kept
a jealous eye upon the increase in
numbers of the useful but unorna-
mental wireless aerials. A Berlin
Court, however, at the suit of an
aggrieved listener, has declared in-
valid a police order for the removal
of an aerial. The police acted on
the ground that "a large number
of aerials would produce a marked
disfigurement of the city, but the
Court found that they were just-
ified in taking action only when a
disfigurement already existed, and
not when it was merely an aesthetic
probability. On the other hand,
they were entitled, even after
tolerating the existence of a num-
ber of aerials, to forbid the erection
of others if these were calculated
to spoil the picture.

Insulting the Prophet.

Swami Chiddinand, editor of the
Shuddhi Samachar, a monthly
magazine in Hindi and the organ
of the All-India Shuddhi Sabha,
was recently convicted at Delhi of
publishing articles insulting the
Prophet Mohamed and the religious
beliefs of Moslems, thereby creating
class hatred. He was sentenced to
six months' rigorous imprisonment
and was fined Rs.300 (£31). The
proceedings were taken by the police
under the new section of the Penal
Code, which was introduced follow-
ing the ruling of Mr. Justice
Duleep Singh in the "Rangila
Rasul" case concerning a scurrilous
Hindu pamphlet entitled "Rangila
Rasul" (the Debauched Prophet).
The accused pleaded that the
articles were published in conformity
with one of the objects of the
Shuddhi Sabha, that of propagat-
ing the Hindu religion. The magis-
trate held that the manner of the
author of the articles ignored the
canons of fair criticism and contro-
versy, and showed his bad faith.
It is understood that an appeal is
being made against the conviction.

Looking Back 25 Years.

A big snake has just been killed
at the Tytam district. It measured
no less than 13 feet long and was
correspondingly thick in girth,
lending colour to the story of old
days about the huge reptiles to be
found on the island of Hong Kong,
borne out though this be to this
incredible age by the presence in
the Museum of two huge local
specimens one measuring 18 feet and
the other 14½ feet. The Tytam
snake was found peculiarly. It
apparently had discovered the track
of a deer that daily went down to
the pool of a stream to drink, and
had caught and crushed the animal
to death. Then it began to devour
its victim. But it had proved in-
capable of completing its gigantic
banquet, and, lying down torpid by
the side of its half-finished meal,
was found asleep by some hill side
people and despatched. Unfortu-
nately the head was smashed to
such an extent as to make its
zarcasm practically valueless for
museum purposes. On the hills
about Pokfulam a brown snake and
the venomous flat-crowned green are
still to be found in great quantities,
while at Stanley those species
abound in legion, and cobras are
also frequently seen.—*Hong Kong
Daily Press*, September 17, 1904.

Looking Back 50 Years.

When we referred to the residents
in Crown Colonies yesterday as
being unrepresented we ought, per-
haps, to have qualified the assertion
by saying that practically they
were so. As a matter of fact in all
Crown Colonies there are some few
unofficial members who are supposed
to represent the community, but
as they are always nominated by
the Governor it does not follow that
they are also the choice of the tax-
payers. It is true that these Un-
official members are usually repre-
sentative men, that they, as a rule,
have large interests in the Colony,
and that they often act as a con-
siderable check upon the Govern-
ment, but in other cases they are
mere voting machines, and never
dream of commencing an opposition
they are inwardly persuaded would
be a hopeless one from the outset.
Hong Kong has been very fortunate
in its Unofficial members of Coun-
cil. They have generally been
steady champions of the right, and
their voices have constantly been
heard in the Council Chamber pro-
testing against needless expenditure
and mischievous Ordinances. But
it has seldom happened that the
action of these gentlemen has avail-
ed to avert a measure predetermined
by the Government. Their pre-
sence in the Council Chamber serves
a purpose certainly in giving up
some sort of appearance of repre-
sentative Government, even though
it imposes upon nobody.—*Hong
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FIGHTING DIES DOWN.

SOVIET SCOUT PLANES BUSY.

THE LATEST RAID.

(Wah Ts Yat Pao.)

HARBIN, Sept. 16. An attempt was made by Soviet troops to blow up the railway bridge on the Sungari River, on Saturday night. They opened fire on the railway guards wounding a corporal. The invaders were finally driven away having failed to do any damage to the bridge.

There has not been any fighting lately at Manchuli and Suifenho, but Soviet aeroplanes flew over Meishan and Muling on scouting trips.

CHINESE DETAINED IN VLADIVOSTOCK.

(Wah Ts Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Sept. 16. It is announced by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that over 1,000 Chinese in Russia have been detained recently by the Soviet Government.

The Ministry has telegraphed to the German Government asking them to lodge, on China's behalf, a strong protest with the Soviet Government.

THE LUNG-HAI RAILWAY.

LOAN REPAYMENT ASKED.

(Wah Ts Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Sept. 16. The French, Dutch and Belgian Ministers have addressed Notes to the Foreign Office asking the refunding of the capital, with accrued interest, of the Lung-Hai Railway Loan.

The Ministry has referred the matter to the Central Government.

SHANGHAI-HANKOW AIR MAIL SERVICE.

(Wah Ts Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Sept. 16. The preparations for an air mail service between Shanghai and Hankow have been completed, and the service will probably be inaugurated next month.

MURDER OF THREE PRIESTS.**OUTRAGE IN HUPEH.**

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

SHANGHAI, Sept. 16. The Franciscan Procurator has received news from Ichang of another terrible crime in Hupeh by brigands or Communists, involving the death of three members of the Procurator, including Bishop Trudo Jans, who has been a resident in China for the past twenty-two years.

Bishop Trudo Jans was traveling near Linchang, Hupeh, accompanied by Father Bruno and Father Rupertus, when, it appears, they were attacked by bandits and the whole party murdered.

OIL BLAZE IN NEW JERSEY.

BARGE "RUNS AMOK."

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

LINDEN, New Jersey, Sept. 15. A flaming oil barge slipped her moorings to-day and drifted down to the refinery of the Standard Oil and Swan Finch oil companies, which caught on fire. Damage estimated at \$1,000,000 (gold) was caused.

COMMUNISTS ARRESTED IN PARIS.

"RED THURSDAY" SEQUEL.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

Paris, Sept. 15. Two prominent Communists have been arrested here.

One, M. Monmousseau, is the General Secretary of a Communist organization, and the other is the well-known Deputy, M. Vaillant-Couturier.

They are accused of plotting against the safety of the State, in connection with incidents at a "Red" demonstration on August 1.

HUNGER-STRIKER'S DEATH.

DEMONSTRATION IN CALCUTTA

A REBELLIOUS MAYOR.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

CALCUTTA, Sept. 15. An enormous crowd occupied every point of vantage in the vicinity of the suburban station at Howrah on the occasion of the arrival of the remains of Jarindranath Das, one of the accused in the Lahore conspiracy case who died in gaol after 60 days of hunger-striking.

Cries of "Down with Imperialism!" and "Long Live Revolution!" were raised as the train arrived.

The coffin was received by the Mayor, Sen Gupta, and conveyed to the Howrah Town Hall, where it is to lie in state prior to being taken in a procession to the Keertolla burning ghat for cremation.

Sen Gupta, at a subsequent meeting at the Town Hall, referred to the police order prohibiting him from holding meetings in Calcutta.

He said the time had come when persons authorized by the Indian Congress ought to disobey it wholesale, and thus make the path to Swaraj.

SCENES IN AMSTERDAM.

RELEASE OF ALLEGED MURDERERS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 16. There were remarkable scenes, lasting into the early hours of the morning, here, following the decision by the Appeal Court to liberate two railwaymen, named Klunder and Theunissen, who have suffered four and a half years' imprisonment for the murder of another railwayman.

The accused were originally sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment, and they have unceasingly protested their innocence.

TROOPS RETURN FROM THE RHINE.

"GLAD TO BE HOME."

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Sept. 16. The first British troops from the Rhineland, comprising the Dorset and Leicester detachments, arrived at Victoria Station, all fully equipped, and in high spirits, looking bronzed and fit. All were young men, only a few of whom had seen war service.

They said they had had a good time in Germany and brought back pleasant memories, but were very glad to be home.

COURTAULD'S CARRY ON.

WAGES REMAIN AT OLD RATES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Sept. 15. Despite a general reduction in cotton wages, Messrs. Courtauld's have decided that the 25,000 operatives employed at their three mills shall continue at the old rate of wages.

Two of the three mills are working only four days weekly.

KILLED NEAR HIS OFFICE.

FRENCH POLICE OFFICIAL SHOT DEAD.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

Paris, Sept. 16. M. Bayle, Director of the Criminal Records Department was shot dead when ascending the stairs to his office in the Law Courts.

The fleeing murderer, who was caught in the street outside, gave the name of Joseph Philipponet, and said he was a native of Lyons.

PLANE CRASHES IN AMERICA.

14 KILLED IN A FEW HOURS.

PARACHUTE TRAGEDY.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

NEW YORK, Sept. 15. Within a few hours at least 14 people were killed in succession in aeroplane accidents, six of whom were killed at Merriton, Ontario, where a plane caught fire, and four others were killed in a collision of two planes over Chicago.

Three people were killed at Berkeley, California, through a plane crashing through the roof of a house.

A young woman, making her first parachute descent at Wichita, Kansas, was killed, owing to the apparatus failing to function.

CATHOLIC PRIEST'S DEATH.

MURDERED FOR FEW DOLLARS.

LAST PRAYER BY BEDSIDE.

Further details of the ghastly murder perpetrated by bandits at Fong Shan Ken, a village about sixty li from Ichang, have been received. Events which led up to the sad death of Rev. Father Tibureo Cloodis, a native of Antwerp, attached to the Franciscan Mission, are clearly narrated in the following report. This is the fourth Franciscan and the eighteenth priest who has been brutally murdered since 1923.

Details Related.

On Sunday, August 25, towards sunset three individuals appeared at the residence of Rev. Fr. Tibureo Cloodis at Fong Shan Ken near Ichang. They were directing their steps towards the section of the residence occupied by the Missionary but were stopped by the servant, who told them the Father was resting in his prayers. The servant invited them into the kitchen, offered them some tea, telling them they must wait until the missionary would be free to see them.

They answered saying that they had come to ask for a little medicine for their wounds.

"That's too bad," replied the servant, "to-day is Sunday, and moreover the dispensary is closed in the afternoon."

They spoke a few words to the Missionary, and he said to them: "Oh, you want some medicine?"

He did not get time to finish what he intended to say. Two of the bandits—these callers were bandits—seized the Father by the arms, pulled out their revolvers and covered him while the third bandit walked towards the residence to get hold of the servants.

Covering the Father with their revolvers the two bandits yelled out: "Your money and your arms."

"I have neither arms nor money," replied the Father. "I have spent all I had in procuring medicine for the dispensary yesterday."

"We shall talk that over," they replied, "come with us."

They dragged the Father along towards the room that served as his study. After entering they said to the Father: "Now, less said, the better, hand over your money."

"See for yourselves," said the Father, and they pulled out and ransacked the drawers of his desk. They found \$13 which they pocketed right away.

Bandits Disappointed.

Furious and disappointed at obtaining so little loot they fired point blank at the Father, one of the bullets striking him right below the heart. When the bandits saw his blood oozing through his clothing they forced him to lie on the bed. The Father then said: "It is all over, I am finished."

The bandits made towards the door and shouted to their companions to come and bring the servants along with a light.

In the meantime, the Father had slipped from the bed, knelt and began to pray: "Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in Thee: Good Mother Mary have pity on me." Turning toward the bandits he said: "For the sake of a few dollars you have taken my life."

His servants were now nearby, so turning to them he said: "Put your trust in God: be not afraid."

He whispered to the cook that he should try to get away, but his remark was heard by one of the bandits, who threatened to shoot the cook should he attempt to flee. At the point of the revolver they forced the servants to conduct them through the house: they ransacked all the rooms, took his watch, a camera and other articles.

They broke open boxes etc., and scattered the contents around. This search lasted more than a half hour.

A SOUTH SEAS MYSTERY.

END OF A TRAGIC VENTURE.

AN AUTHOR'S STORY.

NEW YORK.—The story of how two white men tried to cruise the waters of the South Seas in a crudely built native catamaran and probably went to their death in the attempt was related upon his return here by Gustav Davidson, the author, who lived for nearly a year among the natives of the Austral Archipelago in the South Seas. Davidson's two expedition partners, who disappeared, were William E. Hargrave of Colfax, Washington, and Phineas E. Haskewitch of Paris.

The author met his two associates in Tahiti when he was planning to leave there for the Austral group of islands. Hargrave, a retired prospector who had been a trail mate of Jack London in the Klondike, and Haskewitch, a mineralogist, also expressed the desire to inspect this section of South Seas islands so the trio decided to join forces.

"We lived among the natives for four months, garbed like them in loin cloths and learning their language, songs and traditions," Davidson related. "Our phonograph was the only modern note. The natives would crowd around and beg us to play it and thought jazz music the best. They would grin broadly and dance with as good sense of rhythm as any 'tango palace' habitue."

Yielded to Impatience.

It was only when his white companions yielded to the civilized trait of impatience that they ventured on that voyage from which they never returned, Davidson said.

"They began to get bored with the native existence and wanted to return to Tahiti by way of Tabuai," the author recounted.

"They had the natives begin the construction of a 24-foot catamaran, which is a crude affair of two hollowed out logs and covered with plank. The natives and I tried to dissuade them, believing that the craft would be too unsafe for such a long trip. I was unwilling to trust my life in it, especially since neither was a skilled navigator and they had only a compass to guide them."

"Before their catamaran was ready a tramp ship touched our island, bound for a trading trip about the other islands and I tried to get Hargrave and Haskewitch to go with me on it. But they were obstinate and insisted on starting out in the Austral, as they had named their craft."

"I expected to see them when I reached Tabuai months later but I learned with dismay that they had never arrived. Then I hoped they might have landed on some other island but my search of all the others convinced me that they had never landed on any island in that group."

"Man From the Sea."

Davidson said there was a remote chance that the pair might have been carried by adverse winds to some island of the Tuamotu group, some 700 or 800 miles away, but since they started the perilous voyage in April and have never been heard from since, he believes that slender hope is fading. He said they carried only food and water to last them two months.

Davidson then told how he had arrived in Tahiti just in time to prevent his friend, James Norman Hall, another author, from sending a note to his father, Max Davidson, of New York, to the effect that Davidson himself had gone to his death in the Pacific. Hall had heard reports from natives that two or three men had started the dangerous trip in a catamaran and believed Davidson to be one of them. He had planned to send the message the day after Davidson arrived.

"When I came into Tahiti the natives were so accustomed that they gave the name which translated means 'Man from the Bottom of the Sea,'" he said.

Davidson had entrusted the manuscripts he had completed while on various islands of the South Seas to his two companions, believing they would reach Tahiti before he did. These were lost, although he had duplicates of some and notes on others which he will use as a basis for articles and short stories.

Davidson has written several books, including "Thirst of the Antelope" and "Melmouth the Wanderer." He is an alumnus of Columbia University.

THE "OPPRESSED" STATES.

DELEGATIONS DO NOT AGREE.

FURTHER DELAYS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

GENEVA, Sept. 16. Notwithstanding the plea of Viscount Cecil to avoid further delay, the third committee has decided to remit the first article of the draft convention, dealing with financial aid to States victims of aggression, to a sub-committee, for further consideration.

This decision is due to a conflict between the British and French delegations regarding the term upon which such assistance, if any, should be granted a disponent, before war-like operations have actually commenced.

THE FEAST OF LANTERNS.

WHEN THE CHINESE MAKE MERRY.

"Tum! tum! tum!" "Here she comes," cry about a dozen children together. "She" is a fiery dragon manned by about twenty or thirty boys—sometimes more, sometimes less—it all depends upon the size of the monster! The beating of the drums sound nearer, and gradually the dim "hall of fire" becomes larger as it comes into view. This is the "bait" and the man in charge of it dances first one way then the other and with it the dragon's head swings.

Then the firing of crackers drowns the "tum-tum" of the drums, for this dragon is a very important "personage," who comes to drive away all the evil spirits, and a proper reception must be accorded it to put it in the best of humors.

Thus the Chinese will be celebrating the "Feast of Lanterns" to-day, and tea-shops selling moon-cakes, etc., have been doing a roaring trade during the past few days.

A favourite fruit is the pumelo, and not the least interesting part of the celebrations is the "lantern processions." Children of all ages will be seen parading the streets with fish lanterns, etc.—a very "Oriental" sight which no doubt will interest the foreigners immensely.

STOWAWAYS FROM CANADA.

LADS' "ONLY WAY OF GETTING HOME."

"The number of lads who stow away at Montreal is so large that the company is bound to prosecute,"

This statement was made by Inspector Nicholls, of the Cunard Company, to Mr. Harris, the magistrate at Tower Bridge, Police Court when Charles Patrick Miles, aged twenty, of Chichester road, West Kilburn, Alexander Powner, aged eighteen, of Charles-street, Matbank, Newcastle, and Philip Smith, aged sixteen, of Bridgford-road, Bridgford, Nottinghamshire, were fined 20s. each or fourteen days' imprisonment for stowing themselves away in the Cunard liner Ausonia.

The lads said they had stowed themselves away because it was the only way they could get home.

Mr. Harris: In my young days lads used to stow away to get to America or Canada. Now they seem to stow away to get home.

The evidence was that the lads were found on deck three days out from Montreal, and they were brought home as third-class passengers.

Mr. Harris suggested that, as they had no money, they might usefully have been put to work.

WOMAN KILLED FOR SORCERY.

U.S. TAXICAB DRIVER'S CONFESSION.

Eugene Burgess, a taxicab driver, arrested at Kalamazoo, Michigan, for killing Mrs. Etta Fairchild, aged seventy-five, told the police that he had done so because he believed her to be a witch.

Mrs. Fairchild was an inmate of an old women's charity home, and Burgess said he invited her to his house, where Mrs. Burgess was present, and beat her with a lead pipe and a hammer.

Burgess and his wife declared that Mrs. Fairchild bragged that she had killed a hundred persons yearly for the past twenty-five years, including her husband, through witchcraft.

Mrs. Burgess added: "I stagger lots of times and have pains and aches and trouble in breathing. It was either her life or ours."

Burgess asserted that Mrs. Fairchild had bewitched his seventeen-year-old daughter and intended to kill her.

Burgess is aged fifty-three, and known to his neighbours as a kind, man, spending his spare time in fishing.

SHIPPING RIGHTS IN CHINA.

AGITATION AGAINST FOREIGN VESSELS ON INLAND AND COAST LINES.

The efforts of the Shanghai Chinese Shipowners Association to bring about what they term the rendition of China's shipping rights are receiving support from the National Government if what one reads in the vernacular papers is correct, says the N.C. Daily News.

According to these, Dr. C. T. Wang, the Foreign Minister, was interviewed by representatives of the Association and said that, in connection with the forthcoming revision of the Sino-Japanese Treaty, the Government, which fully sympathized with the views of the Chinese shipowners and appreciated their attempts to bring about the rendition of China's shipping rights, would exert every effort to take back China's shipping rights from the Japanese merchants and, if possible, Japanese vessels along the coast and on the principal rivers. Already they have started to build more than 40 new vessels equipped with motor engines and fitted with excellent accommodation for passengers. Although Haichow, Yangchow and many other places are not treaty ports a number of Japanese vessels call there, thus committing breaches of China's sovereign rights. The number of Japanese vessels coming to Shanghai has increased considerably in recent years and the time has come for the Chinese people to bring a stop to this aggression.

The Pilotage Question.

Whilst the shipowners are agitating for the rendition of China's shipping rights, the Shanghai Chinese Pilots Association are agitating for the rendition of her pilotage rights and they propose to send a delegate to the International Labour Congress to be held in Geneva. In the course of a petition to the National Government, they say that a delegate already has been appointed by the Shipowners Association but it is necessary that a delegate possessing a good knowledge of China's pilotage conditions, thorough experience, and high technical training and ability should be appointed so that he can present China's demands for the rendition of her pilotage rights at the Congress and support any proposals put forward by his fellow-delegates. It is important that such a delegate should be sent to Geneva who is well acquainted with the needs of the workers. The Shanghai Chinese Pilots Association is an organization consisting of graduates of the Woonung Maritime College, many of whom hold positions of importance in the various shipping companies. They have an intimate knowledge of pilotage in Chinese waters and are well-prepared to argue against foreigners maintaining pilotage rights in Chinese waters contrary to the wishes of the Chinese people. The Association, therefore, asks for permission to appoint a delegate to the Congress.

Sufficient Ships Alleged.

In reply, the representatives of the Association are reported to have said that the number of Chinese-owned ships was sufficient to meet all demands so far as the coast and inland rivers were concerned. As to the Yangtze, there were at present more than 20 vessels which were owned by the China Merchants S. N. Co., the San Peh S. N. Co., the Ning-shao S. S. Co., the Shao-shing S. N. Co., and the Nan Hua S. S. Co., which were ample to meet any demands which might arise. Furthermore, they said, with the rendition of China's shipping rights, they would reap large profits, with which it was proposed to build newer and larger ships. It was their hope, therefore, that the Government would accord them full protection in carrying on their business.

Dr. Wang said that this was a matter of great importance and he would take it up with his colleagues when he returned to Nanking.

MAN POSES AS AN HEIRESS.

FRAUD LEADS TO HARD LABOUR.

A man who was said to have written letters describing himself as an "heirress" was sentenced at the London Sessions to fifteen months' hard labour for obtaining £113 by false pretences.

He was Brian Lawrence, or Vipond, aged fifty-four, of Neale-street, Bradford, but a detective said his real name was James Redford Kenyon.

Mr. Frank Phillips, prosecuting, said that a Mr. Coote won a prize in a weekly journal for submitting

certain lines. Lawrence wrote offering to sell him solutions to win other prizes. He signed his letters, "Miss B. Lawrence."

"She" stated in one letter that it seemed hard that "she" had a large fortune coming to "her" in June and that for the moment "she" was short of money. Mr. Coote advanced Lawrence money from time to time, amounting to £113.

Lawrence sent Mr. Coote two photographs of an extremely handsome young woman.

Detective Brooks, of Colchester, said that Lawrence had been convicted on three occasions at Halifax for obtaining money in a similar manner. He had a large sum left him by his father, but lost it owing to reckless living.

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Sports News

Hong Kong at Play.

SPORTS NOTES AND COMMENTS.

[By "BROADCASTER"]

Racing fans generally will laud the decision of the Hong Kong Jockey Club in deciding to stage five extra race meetings between October and the next Annual Meeting. Not only will this decision be warmly received by the race-going public, but owners must also feel grateful in that they would rather race their ponies, in spite of handicaps, than not race at all. Good progress is being made with "one block of stands, and the courteous request of the Jockey Club stewards appealing for the forbearance of members of the public, will, I am certain, be heartily complied with. I understand the new race-stands will not be wholly ready until the Annual Meeting, but the rate of progress is very rapid, and I should not be surprised to see everything ready long before the stipulated time.

The main interest in the meeting fixed for October 14 will be the Fourth Aggregate Stakes and I think the question as to the superiority of Chesapeake Bay or Christmas Chimes over the mile will once again engage the attention of punters. I hope both animals will face the starter, but until the entries are known it will be difficult to make predictions. Some of the animals which were sent up to Shanghai for the summer have returned, and are back at work at Happy Valley. A number of good performers in Shanghai have either come down or are due, and it looks as if we are going to have good fields when race-day comes round.

By the way, I understand that the Hong Kong St. Leger is not included in the meeting for October 14. A good deal of interest centres on this race, which will be for griffins of this season. I have heard it said that Hiawatha (Mr. Soares) will be specially prepared for this event, and personally think the animal will have a good chance, but the race is too far ahead to discuss here. The Duke of Chantilly and Grand Tattoo Eve are both griffins of this season, and are likely to make a big noise when the race comes off.

There has been a good deal of swimming going on during the last fortnight. The Chinese swimming meeting at North Point, extending over four nights, has shown us what talent the Chinese possess. The Volunteer sports, and the Police sports, proved entertaining, and some good swimming was seen, especially at the Volunteers show. The V.R.C. are holding a night the next Saturday and another on the following Saturday, and as championship races are included, the entries will prove heavy and the attendance good. The Harbour race will be held next month, and from present indications young Roza Pereira, who swam so well in the half-mile championship at North Point, is in fine form. Johnston and Cooke, if they both enter, will make the race an interesting triangular test of strength and skill.

In water-polo circles much speculation is going on as to the relative strength of Kowloon "A" and V.R.C. "A." The match between these teams will be played on Wednesday next week, and I expect a huge crowd of supporters from each club. The two teams met at North Point during the Chinese aquatic meeting, and the V.R.C. proved the better team by the odd goal in five. What the result will be in the V.R.C. tank, I do not care to predict. By the way, I hear that the Chinese have lost two of their best players, and under the circumstances, I don't think they will retain their runners-up position. They have two stiff matches ahead of them, and the absence of two players will make a huge difference.

If Chinese athletes in Hong Kong do not succeed at the Far Eastern Olympics to be held next year in Japan, they can have nothing to say as regards want of encouragement. The cups which were given away at the prize distribution on Sunday last by H.E. the Governor were by far the best prizes at Hong Kong, and must have been eagerly anticipated by the athletes. The pitching of the Hong Kong team (they tried three pitchers) was lamentable, and most of the spectators left before the end of the game. The other game (South China v. Kinaoras) was not so bad, but the result was a foregone conclusion as soon as the Chinese began to score, and here again spectators sat through a dull afternoon.

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WATER POLO.

KOWLOON "A" WINS FROM V.R.C. "B."

"SOMERSETS BEAT CHINESE "A."

[By "WATERMAN"]

Two water polo games were played last night at the V.R.C. In the first game Somersets accounted for the Chinese "A" by six goals to one and in the second the Kowloon "A" obtained full points from the V.R.C. "B."

The Kowloon team is down to meet the V.R.C. "A" next Wednesday and as the League Championship hangs on the match, I think a big crowd will be at the bath. The V.R.C. "A" are two points ahead of Kowloon and a win or a draw will give them the championship. If Kowloon should win, a replay will be necessary.

CHINESE "A" v. SOMERSETS.
Playing six men against seven, the Chinese "A" were badly beaten by the Somersets who finished up winners by six goals to one.

The Somersets are an improved side, and it was a pity that the full Chinese team did not turn up, as otherwise a good game would have been seen.

The Teams.
Chinese "A"—Lee Yee Long, Ng Kam Chuen, Tai Chi Kong, Choy Chak Lau and Chan Chi Hing.

Somersets:—Hooker, "Naylor, Stacey, Mackenzie, Fox, Howard, Early.

The Game.
From the commencement the soldiers pressed and it was soon evident that the Chinese were playing at a big disadvantage. Howard opened the scoring for the Somersets and Fox increased the lead shortly afterwards.

Chan Chi Hing, by a good solo effort reduced the lead for the Chinese but Early put the soldiers further ahead just before half time when the score was 3-1 in favour of the Somersets.

The second half proved as much in favour of the soldiers as the first half has been. Fox, Mackenzie and Early each added one more goal and the Chinese never looked dangerous.

KOWLOON "A" v. V.R.C. "B."

The Peninsula team took no chances with their match against the V.R.C. "B" and mustered their full strength for yesterday's game. The V.R.C. "B" to my mind, are a doubtful number and this game proved it. The Kowloon centre forward, Simpson, was well marked by H. M. Remedios who rarely gave him a chance to shoot, but Simpson nevertheless was responsible for two goals in the first half, both of which I attribute to the V.R.C. goalkeeper's error of judgment.

The Teams.
V.R.C. "B"—Rocha, Foraita, Maynard, Remedios, Zimmern, Roza Pereira and Lawrence.
Kowloon "A"—G. Angus, Logan, Whitwell, Railton, Rodgers, Kerr and Simpson.

The Game.
Kowloon sent all their forwards into V.R.C. territory from the start and even their centre half went near the home team's goal. The two V.R.C. forwards, Roza Pereira and Lawrence, had no work to do, Kowloon keeping up the pressure all the while.

Remedios, who was playing back for V.R.C. had his eye on Simpson the Kowloon "crack" but could not stop the latter from making use of his "volley" shots. Two goals entered through Simpson's shots in the first half, neither of which Rocha made any attempt to stop. The V.R.C. however, did not acknowledge defeat and played up pluckily. At half time they were two goals behind.

In the second half Rodgers, who was playing forward, found himself unmarked about half way through and scored. Lawrence reduced the lead just before the end by a simple shot. Final score: Kowloon "A" 3, V.R.C. "B" 1.

Baseball over the week-end proved disappointing, and much of the fun was taken out of the game between the Japanese and Hong Kong team, given at any sports meeting at Hong Kong, and must have been eagerly anticipated by the athletes. The pitching of the Hong Kong team (they tried three pitchers) was lamentable, and most of the spectators left before the end of the game. The other game (South China v. Kinaoras) was not so bad, but the result was a foregone conclusion as soon as the Chinese began to score, and here again spectators sat through a dull afternoon.

LAWN TENNIS.

C.A.A. TOURNAMENT.

MALAYAN PAIR REACHES FINAL.

Lim Bong So and John Lim, the pair from Malaya, qualified for the final of the Open Doubles Championship organised by the Chinese Athletic Association by virtue of a fine victory yesterday over the Fincher Brothers.

A magnificent struggle for the second set characterised the match, and the pairs were so evenly matched that not until 15 all had been called did the Lim's manage to break through to win by 17-15. The winners now meet the winners of the Rummahs-Lo Brothers game to decide the Championship.

The Game.
Opening well, the Finchers won the first two games by a dashing display, but unaccountably fell off, and with the Lims forcing the pace, they lost the next six games in a row. In the second set, the Finchers showed up promisingly, and when they led by 5-3, it appeared that they would equalise, and indeed required only a point to do so when 40-15 in their favour, but they failed to make good, losing the game. Again at 5-4, they had 40-30 in their favour but failed once more.

Several times after they had a similar opportunity, but the Lims, who were playing with grit, were always successful in pulling through. The score went to 6 all, 7 all and so on, until the two pairs put up a prolonged struggle for the set, each having the lead alternatively, but it was not until 15 all (as mentioned above), that the Lims managed to win at 17-15.

After their hard but unsuccessful effort, in the second set, the Finchers fell off, and the Lims found it comparatively easy matter to break their opponents' game, winning the set eventually at 6-2. The final scores were 6-2, 17-15, 6-2 in their favour.

Lo's Enter Semi-final.
On the other court, the Lo Brothers met and defeated Li Tak Cheuk and Chiu Tan Chiu easily in straight sets 6-0, 6-2, and thus qualify to meet the Rummahs cousins.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.
Open Singles.
Semi-final:—S. A. Rummah v. Lim Bong So; M. W. Lo v. T. Honda.

H.K. LADIES' HOCKEY CLUB.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

There was a good attendance at the Annual Meeting of the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club which was held in the Helena May Institute yesterday.

The secretary, Miss E. J. Coppin, said the absence of the President, Mrs. Southorn, who was on leave, was regretted although it was hoped that she was making the most of the cooler weather at home.

Continuing, the secretary mentioned that the tennis tournament, arranged for the past summer months, had to be abandoned owing to insufficient support. The bathing picnic, on the other hand, had been well attended and was in every way a success.

First Match this Week.
Although there were seven ladies' clubs in the Colony, only three, on account of age restrictions, were able to compete for the Caer-Clarke League Hockey Cup. These were teams from the Club de Hecreio, Kowloon, and Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Clubs.

The dance held during the last season was a success and it was decided to hold a similar function this year.

It was also decided to hold matches every Saturday afternoon, on the Navy Ground, at 2.30 p.m.; the first match of the season commencing on Saturday 21.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—
Captain, Miss D. F. Station.
Hon. Sec., Miss N. McNeill.
Asst. Hon. Sec., Miss E. J. Coppin.
Hon. Treasurer, Miss E. R. Bell.
Committee: Miss E. O'Hagan, Miss E. S. Laing and Miss M. Hansen.

LAWN BOWLS.

C.C.C. PLAYERS IN OPEN SINGLES TIE.

EASY WIN FOR OMAR.

The much discussed lawn bowls match in the fourth round of the Open Singles Championship, which was to provide the remaining place in the semi-finals was settled yesterday when U. M. Omar and R. Baga met on the Police ground.

Omar made short work of his opponent, playing at the top of his form to win 21-4. Baga, at times, built up a good lead, but his opponent robbed him of the fruits of his efforts by his accurate draws.

The following are the semi-finalists:—
Omar (C.C.C.) v. Ferguson (T.R.C.).
Grimmitt (C.S.C.C.) v. Luz (Recreio).

BASEBALL IN U.S.A.

LEADERS MAKE HEADWAY.

New York, September 11.—League leaders strengthened their grips on championship pennants to-day, and runners-up were left farther in the rack.

While the Athletics walloped Chicago, pulling up to a .683 percentage, the Yankees were blanked by St. Louis and dropped down to .575. Correspondingly, in the National circuit the Cubs beat the Phillies while the Giants overcame the Pirates in both games of a double-header, leaving the Cubs' percentage at .684 and that of the Pirates at .574.

There were plenty of "home runs" in the Cubs-Phillies contest. Wilson and Tison of Chicago and Hurst and Klein of Philadelphia all scored four baggers, with a final score of 5-2 for the Cubs.

For the Dodgers, the rookie pitcher Newsome fanned five Cincinnati Reds although the latter finally won 4-2, with aid of two Brooklyn errors.

In the American League, Babe Ruth could not make a single hit after his two homers of yesterday.

The following are the detailed results of today's games:—
American League.

Clubs.	R.	H.	E.
Detroit	7	9	1
Boston	5	17	1
St. Louis	5	9	0
New York	0	7	2
Chicago	4	9	1
Philadelphia	7	9	1
Cleveland	2	7	2
Washington	5	10	2

Clubs.	R.	H.	E.
New York	2	6	2
Pittsburgh	1	8	0
Boston	4	8	2
St. Louis	11	13	2
Brooklyn	2	6	2
Cincinnati	4	7	0
Philadelphia	2	5	2
Chicago	5	8	0

(second games):
New York 10 13 1
Pittsburgh 5 11 0
Boston 1 11 1
St. Louis 5 10 1

Clubs.	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	33	42	.688
New York	27	57	.575
Cleveland	20	63	.530
St. Louis	20	64	.522
Detroit	22	73	.467
Washington	21	72	.459
Chicago	23	79	.402
Boston	27	87	.365

Clubs.	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	31	42	.684
Pittsburgh	28	58	.574
New York	22	61	.541
St. Louis	20	66	.500
Brooklyn	21	73	.455
Philadelphia	20	74	.448
Cincinnati	26	77	.421
Boston	21	82	.383

Clubs.	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	2	7	2
Boston	6	10	2

Second game postponed, on account of rain.
Chicago 3 11 0
Washington 4 6 0
Detroit, New York, Cleveland and Philadelphia wet ground.

Clubs.	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	7	13	0
Pittsburgh	9	13	0
New York	6	14	1
Cincinnati	3	10	1
New York	10	12	1
Cincinnati	4	6	0

(Second game. Game called end of 6th, darkness).
Boston 3 11 1
Chicago 4 8 1
Philadelphia 9 12 0
St. Louis 3 8 0

Clubs.	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	6	10	0
Boston	1	4	2
St. Louis	1	6	1
Boston	0	6	2
Detroit	8	11	1
New York	4	10	1
Cleveland	5	12	0
Philadelphia	6	12	3

(Second game called on third, rain).
National League.

Clubs.	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	0	10	1
Pittsburgh	7	10	2
New York	5	7	2
Cincinnati	7	15	2

Clubs.	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	0	10	1
Pittsburgh	7	10	2
New York	5	7	2
Cincinnati	7	15	2

Clubs.	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	0	10	1
Pittsburgh	7	10	2
New York	5	7	2
Cincinnati	7	15	2

Clubs.	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	0	10	1
Pittsburgh	7	10	2
New York	5	7	2
Cincinnati	7	15	2

Clubs.	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	0	10	1
Pittsburgh	7	10	2
New York	5	7	2
Cincinnati	7	15	2

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Brooklyn	0	10	1
Pittsburgh	7	10	2
New York	5	7	2
Cincinnati	7	15	2

Clubs.	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	0	10	1
Pittsburgh	7	10	2
New York	5	7	2
Cincinnati	7	15	2

Clubs.	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	0	10	1
Pittsburgh	7	10	2
New York	5	7	2
Cincinnati	7	15	2

Clubs.	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	0	10	1
Pittsburgh	7	10	2
New York	5	7	2
Cincinnati	7	15	2

Clubs.	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	0	10	1
Pittsburgh	7	10	2
New York	5	7	2
Cincinnati	7	15	2

Clubs.	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	0	10	1
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POLO.

"TYPHOONS" STILL WINNING.

K.O.S.B. TEAMS MEET.

The two teams from the King's Own Scottish Borderers met in a two chukka match in the Lady Stubb's Cup competition at the Polo ground last evening, and the "B" side came home winners by the odd goal in three. They received a handicap of one, but the "A" side managed to put in the equaliser in the 1st chukka. However a goal for the "B" team in the second chukka gave them the game. The teams were:—
"A": Mr. Welch, Major Lake, Mr. Scott-Elliott, Major Miles, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Mattingley, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Maxwell.

Referee: Col. Browning.
By scoring a 10 victory over the Gunners I, the Typhoons further enhanced their chances of winning the competition for the much-coveted Cup. The game was a fast one and both the goals were scored in the first chukka. "Johnny" Heard was conspicuous for some very nice play, his "ride through" for the second goal winning him rounds of applause. The teams were:—
Typhoons: "Gunners I."
Col. Browning, Mr. Herbage, Maj. Wolf-Murray, Mr. Dangerfield, Mr. Stanton, Major Hewson, Mr. Heard, Mr. Walter.

Referee: Capt. Bakewell.
The next games in this competition will be played on Friday next, when the band of the Somerset Light Infantry will be in attendance.

Lady Clementi and the General Officer Commanding (Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.) have signified their intention of being present.

Positions of the Teams.
At the close of play yesterday, the positions of the sides were:—
Typhoons 3 0 6
Somersets 3 2 1 4
Gunners I 4 2 2 4
K.O.S.B. "A" 5 2 3 4
K.O.S.B. "B" 3 1 2 2
Gunners II 2 0 2 0

For the "Possibles" versus "Probables" teams will be picked on the ground at 5.15 p.m. to-morrow (Wednesday).

ARMY FOOTBALL.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS.

Army football is now in full swing. Eight matches have been played in the Hong Kong Area Football League and some very promising football has been seen. The League provides football for a large number of Junior players. This will continue up to the end of January 1930. Football is provided for the troops whilst in camp.

Regimental teams are now getting into form and expect to give a very good account of themselves in the Hong Kong Football League.

Several Army fixtures have been arranged with the Chinese teams. On the 21st inst. South China Athletic Association will be played at Sookunpo and on the 23rd inst. the Chinese Athletic Association will try conclusions with the Army team at Sookunpo. Both matches should produce good football.

The Sookunpo ground is in a very good condition.

The following are the results of the Hong Kong Area Football League up to the 14th inst.:—
September 9:—
H.A.O.C. 0, "D" Somerset L.I. 5.
20th H.B.R.A. 1, "C" Somerset L.I. 2.

September 10:—
"A" K.O.S.B. 2, "A" Somerset L.I. 3.
H.Q. Somerset L.I. 2, H.Q. K.O.S.B. 2.

MANY NEW ARMY ATHLETIC RECORDS.

TEN TITLES CHANGE HANDS AT ALDERSHOT.

SCOTTISH SERGEANT'S TRIPLE VICTORY.

(By H. M. ADAMS.)

The drive down to Aldershot last month was like proceeding through the drying-room of a laundry, for despite the fact that I frequently travelled at more than double the speed limit and twice as fast as the world's quickest sprinters, not one breath of cooling breeze could I find. In many ways, therefore, the sparsely clad runners at the Army track were to be envied—until they had to exert themselves.

But the day was a good one for class performances, and we were not disappointed. The meeting may be described as the Army Athletic Association's "Coming-of-age" celebration, for it was just twenty-one years ago to the very day that the first definite Army Championship meeting was held. I quote this detail on the authority of the starter at the meeting, Sergt. Heaver (who won the mile on that occasion in 4mins. 37secs.).

Five New Records.

Altogether, new Army records were set up in five events and one other was equalled. Of the fourteen champions who emerge in that proud position after the two days' sports, seven carry their names for the first time; only four of last year's winners were successful in defending their titles.

On Friday the three miles and the high jump had been concluded, together with preliminaries in the 100, 200, 400, 800, 1200 hurdles, discus, javelin, and long jump. Saturday morning saw the disposal of putting the weight and eliminating trials in the pole vault, together with heats in the mile. The afternoon's programme began with the 220 yards final. Here 2nd Lieut. A. D. Ward came with a fine finishing burst down the straight (the 220 at Aldershot is run round a tangent) to beat 2nd Lieut. Mott by a good three yards and equal the Army record of 22.1secs., made in 1925.

The finals of the javelin and discus followed, and in both Sergt. McGowan proved successful. In the former he improved on his throw in the preliminary by 20 ft., and beat Lee-Corpl. F. Grice (last year's winner) by just short of a foot. It is only fair to Grice to say that he was suffering from a strain in his thigh, and that he was in consequence not at his best. Grice in fact has beaten 170 ft. In the discus McGowan won with the throw he accomplished (118 ft. 7 in.)—a new Army record, beat that made by Lieut. Jefferson in 1927 by over 2 ft.

The half-mile followed. I quite expected a new Army record here after the good times in the heats. There were seven starters. At the first corner Lieut. H. C. Patridge (winner of 440 yds. championship two years ago) led, followed by Lee-Sergt. Owens (the holder) and Lee-Corpl. Norton. By the second corner, however, 2nd Lieut. R. F. Walter had taken many a man as he really meant it, and he went on ahead to lead at the bell by four or five yards in 37.2secs. As this pace was within the real capacity of the leader, then in fact it was far too fast, and though soldiers never did, all the runners faded away badly in the last lap, with Walter struggling home in just outside two minutes. Owens did 2mins. 3.3secs., and the third man 2mins. 3.3secs. There is no doubt that, run properly, the time would have been somewhere in the order of 1min. 58.4secs.

Another Record Goes.

Next the long jump and the vault. The four finalists in the former had all beaten 21 ft. 6 in., and with one exception, none of them improved on their efforts in the preliminary. The exception was Lieut. D. L. Hooton, who at his last and sixth jump just scraped home 21 in. ahead of Corpl. H. Marsh. Had Hooton kept his feet together, he would have added 8 in. to his effort. None of the competitors seemed to get real vim into their jumping, and there was little speed in the run-up, and in most cases still less height. The board, which had a distinct list downwards towards the pit, doubtless contributed in some measure to the lack of elevation. In the pole vault Corpl. A. Toome (who did 11 ft. in the eliminating trials in the morning) stood on this effort, and won by 6 in. Incidentally, the second Army record of the afternoon.

The 100 yards final provided the second dual winner for McGowan had not yet won the hammer which was to give him his triple victory. The starter had some difficulty with competitors, who would break, largely because most of them put their front foot in the starting-holes before the rear one, and were never properly balanced. In the final I certainly saw the flash of the pistol before I heard the word "Set." Corpl. Marsh got well away (1.1 put it no higher), and led still within half a dozen yards of the tape, when Lieut. Ward came through to beat him literally by a thrust of the chest. Thus the gallant Corporal lost two events by a total distance of about a span.

The time, 10.1secs., was quite good, and I like Ward's fighting finish in both sprints. While we adjourned for some very necessary liquid refreshment Sergt. McGowan retained his title in the Hammer with a throw which beat the previous Army record by six inches. He thus became triple victor—so far as I can see, the first triple victor in the history of the championships.

Lord Burghley Once More.

After the tea interval we had only three championships, but two of them provided new Army records. In the 120 Yards Hurdles Lord Burghley got beautifully away and was well up on Sergt. Foley (second to Burghley at the three A's Championships and in the International). Burghley led by a yard at the fifth hurdle, but I thought Foley was a fraction up at the sixth (I discovered afterwards that Burghley had hit the fifth hurdle hard, though he did not bring it down). Foley, however, went rather high over the eighth hurdle, and Burghley won for the third Saturday in succession in 15.1secs., beating his own Army record by 1.1secs. Foley certainly improves every time out, and as he is as keen as mustard, will be in the front rank all right in a couple of years.

The Invitation Relay (a mile medley affair) lost much of its interest through the fact that R. H. Thomas was not in the Air Force Team (he was competing in the Welsh Championships), and also that the half-mile was run first. Fryer did 2mins. 2.4secs. for the Achilles, and they led the Air Force by over two seconds here, with the obvious result that the first 220 Achilles man (L. B. Neame) doubled the distance and the race was a procession. Achilles beat the Air Force by 6.2secs., with the Artists Rifles another nine seconds away. The winning time, 3mins. 41secs., is very ordinary.

In the Mile the holder (Corpl. Farthing) led from start to finish. He covered the quarter in 63.3secs., the half in 1min. 14.8secs., three-quarter mile in 3mins. 27.1secs., and the mile in 4mins. 32.5secs. The second man did 4mins. 33secs., and the third 4mins. 34.9secs. The winner of the half turned out in the final, and as a fresh man, would, I believe, have won.

Burghley Beaten.

The last event of the afternoon, the 440 Yards, was in many ways the most interesting. There were seven starters (too many for that narrow first corner), and Burghley was fifth from the inside, but out slow away, and completely out at the first corner with the result that he entered the back straight well to the rear. At 220 yards Lieut. Bernard was leading in 54.1secs., with Dolan second and Burghley well back—a good seven yards to the rear. Dolan took the lead 200 yards from home, with Burghley coming up fast. But Dolan stuck to his lead like grim death, and eventually came through the tape (red tape it was, too) in 50.7secs., with Burghley doing 51.3secs. Pte. Dolan's time beat the Army record, made eighteen years ago, by 3.10secs.

An excellent afternoon's sport, though the atmosphere was most oppressive. The organisation was good, though I must say the programme took some following, and the "legislative principle" of "legislation by reference" seems to have been impressed unduly upon the gentleman who prepared the printed document.

100 Yards.—2nd Lt. A. O. Ward (2nd Bn. Dorset Regt.), 1; Cpl. H. Marsh (1st Bn. York and Lancaster Regt.), 2; 2nd Lt. J. H. Mott (1st Bn. York and Lancaster Regt.), 3. Time: 10.1secs.

220 Yards.—2nd Lt. A. D. Ward (2nd Bn. Dorset Regt.), 1; Lt. J. H. Mott (1st Bn. York and Lancaster Regt.), 2; 2nd Lt. P. D. Powell (1st Middx. Regt.), 3. Time: 22.1secs.

440 Yards.—Pte. E. Dolan (1st Bn. K.O.S.B.), 1; Lord Burghley (2nd Bn. Grenadier Guards), 2; Lt. Hon. C. B. A. Bernard (1st Bn. Ox. and Bucks L.I.), 3. Time: 50.7secs.

880 Yards.—2nd Lt. R. F. Walter (8th Field Brigade R.F.A.), 1; Sgt. H. Owens (3rd Bn. Royal Tank Corps), 2; Lt. F. D. Richardson (2nd Bn. Rifle Brigade), 3. Time: 2mins. 0.2secs.

One Mile.—Lee-Corpl. Farthing (R.E.), 1; Lt. D. B. Gaye (Dorset Regt.), 2; Lee-Sergt. T. Blackman (2nd Bn. East Surrey Regt.), 3. Time: 4mins. 32.5secs.

Three Miles.—Pte. Elwin (2nd Tank Corps), 1; Lee-Corpl. J. Broadley (3rd Div. Signals), 2; Pte. Lees (1st K.O.S.B.), 3. Time: 15 mins. 8 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles.—2nd Lieut. Lord Burghley (2nd Bn. Grenadier Guards), 1; Sergt. Foley (1st Bn. Scots Guards), 2; Lt. D. L. Hooton (1st Bn. Yorks and Lancs. Regt.), 3. Time: 15mins. 1.1secs.

Long Jump.—Lieut. D. L. Hooton (1st Bn. Yorks and Lancs.), 21ft. 6in., 1; Corpl. H. Marsh (1st Bn. York and Lancs. Regt.), 21ft. 7in., 2; Corpl. E. Marsh (1st Bn. York and Lancs. Regt.), 21ft. 7in., 3.

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"DESPOTISM" IN MALTA.

ATTACK ON LORD STRICKLAND.

CARDINAL'S CHARGE.

Malta.—Lord Strickland, the Prime Minister of Malta, at a closed sitting of the Legislative Assembly laid on the table important documents in connection with the letter which Cardinal Gasparri, the Papal Secretary of State, addressed to the Archbishop of Malta and the Bishop of Gozo.

In that letter Cardinal Gasparri urged the bishops to continue their opposition to the policy of the Maltese Government, which was behaving "in a manner prejudicial to religion and to the most sacred Catholic traditions of Malta."

The first of the documents tabled by Lord Strickland was a résumé of a memorandum addressed by eye-witnesses to the Holy See on Lord Strickland's policy in Malta, on which Cardinal Gasparri based his letter to the bishops.

Grave Situation.

The résumé is as follows:—"From information given to the Holy See, based on notes taken on the spot, it appears that the present situation in Malta is one of considerable gravity."

"It appears that Lord Strickland, who holds office not by nomination of the Imperial Government, but by mandate received from the people, exceeds such mandate by not having any regard for the laws or for the rights and feelings of the clergy and the Catholic population."

Empire Interests.

"Reliable witnesses do not hesitate to declare that Malta is at present subjected to a régime of terror and despotism, in which opposition in Parliament is dismissed and its Press gagged, the courts are threatened, justice is suspended, the Constitution in danger, the country in a ferment, and Church and religion openly insulted and opposed."

The same witnesses point out that, to be the champion of the Imperial British prestige, in reality he is acting in contradiction to the best traditions of the Empire and damaging its real interests. The anti-clerical and anti-Maltese campaign, to which he has set his hand, has already aroused serious discontent and disorder, which may shortly give way to the direct consequences and foment class hatred in the island."

On the basis of this document Cardinal Gasparri also addressed a note to Mr. Chilton, the British Minister to the Vatican, in which he said:—"The object of the letter (to the Maltese bishops) was to inform the Maltese people that Lord Strickland is not *persona grata* to the Holy See, as he portrays himself to be, and that the Holy See itself entirely supports the action of the ordinaries of Malta and Gozo in disapproving the activities of Lord Strickland, which are not in accordance with the Catholic Church and the ecclesiastical authorities of the island."

Government Matter.

"The undersigned therefore begs your Excellency to be so good as to decide whether or not this matter is one which should be brought to the knowledge of His Majesty's Government. The latter, in view of the harm which Lord Strickland's activities occasion to the Imperial Government, will doubtless adopt such measures as may be considered necessary to prevent such subversive activity, or at least to dissociate their responsibility from that of Lord Strickland."

These papers were tabled, it is declared, as the result of pressure exerted by the pro-Italian opposition. Lord Strickland announced that all the Ministers were replying with a collective memorandum. Lord Strickland sat in the House of Commons as Sir Gerald Strickland, and was M.P. for Lancaster from 1924-28. He married a sister of the late Sir Edward Hulton.

2; Sergt. Harcourt (1st Bn. Oxford and Bucks L.I.), 21ft. 6in., 3; High Jump.—Lieut. H. R. Norman (2nd Coldstream Guards), 5ft. 10in., 1; Lieut. T. V. Saunders (Cameron Highlanders), 5ft. 2in., 2; Lieut. R. G. Bowley (Leicester Regt.), and Lieut. F. C. Tarr (Shropshire Light Infantry), 5ft. 6in., 3.

Pole Jump.—Corpl. A. Toome (1st Bn. Yorks and Lancs.), 11ft. 1; Lieut. A. A. Goodwin (Suffolk Regt.) and Pte. R. Hogg (1st Bn. K.O.S.B.), 10ft. 6in. 2. Putting the Weight.—Sergt. F. Foley (1st Bn. Scots Guards), 39ft. 10in., 1; Capt. J. A. Ross (1st Bn. H.L.I.), 39ft. 2in., 2; Lieut. J. A. Salt (R.E.), 39ft. 0in., 3.

Throwing the Hammer.—Sergt. J. McGowan (1st Bn. K.O.S.B.), 154ft. 3in., 1; Sergt. J. Percy (1st Bn. K.O.S.B.), 150 ft. 11in., 2; Lieut. J. B. Jarvis (1st Bn. Oxon and Bucks L.I.), 150ft. 2in., 3.

Throwing the Javelin.—Sergt. McGowan (1st Bn. K.O.S.B.), 150ft. 6in., 1; Lee-Corpl. F. Grice (1st Bn. K.O.S.B.), 150ft. 6in., 1; Lee-Corpl. F. Grice (1st Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.), 154ft. 3in., 3.

Throwing the Discus.—Sergt. McGowan (1st Bn. K.O.S.B.), 118ft. 7in., 1; Lieut. Knott (R.A.M.C.), 118ft. 4in., 2; Lee-Sergt. Hyde (3rd Bn. Royal Tank Corps), 115ft. 7in., 3.

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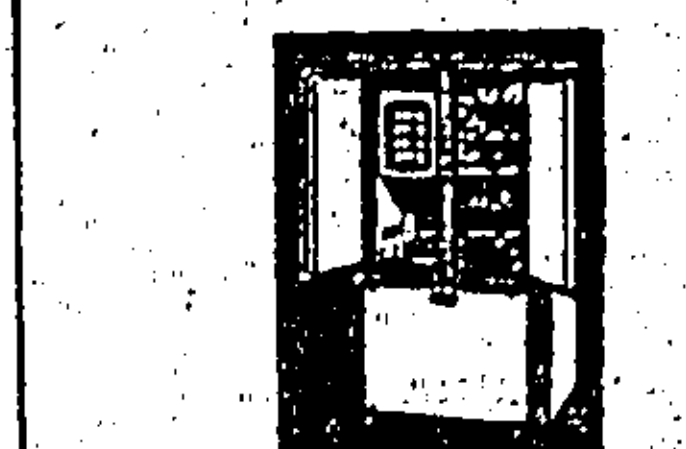
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Vancouver, B.C.—Canada looks to the Orient as a market of great promise in the future for her grain trade. W. Lloyd Craig said here recently on the occasion of his retirement as chairman of the Vancouver Grain Exchange.

“Of Canada's wheat markets, the Orient is probably the most promising yet is the most difficult to develop,” Craig said. “The export of North American wheat to the Orient has been a development of the twentieth century. In China and Japan wheat is consumed only when it is cheap or when the rice crop fails.”

“The Orient is a highly-competitive market, but a very good beginning has been made in introducing Canadian hard wheat, and observers well competent to judge have no hesitation in saying that the consumption of wheat and wheat flour throughout Asia will gradually increase. In the meantime we must regard it as a fluctuating market, to which our shipments may be three or four times one year what they are the next.”

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A READER'S APPRECIATION.

The following letter was received last week from a grateful reader:—

“Dear Kufan,—I beg to inform you that I have found your advice extremely valuable and helpful, and consequently I am very thankful to you.”

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PROBLEM OF THE JAPANESE MARKET.

Meers, Pentreath & Co. have forwarded us the following letter, dated August 19, from Messrs. Hornby, Hemelryk & Co., Liverpool:—

“Since our last report, August has been down to 450c, but prices have hardened in the meantime, and, on balance, values are from 2c. to 4c. higher.”

Japanese statistics compare as follows:—

	July 1929.	June 1929.	May 1929.
Shipments to U.S.A.	52,675	30,232	42,692
Settlements for export	62,000	37,000	45,000
Arrivals from interior	69,600	31,200	41,630
Into light movement	71,321	26,512	43,647
Port stocks	34,000	17,000	27,000

According to mail advices from New York, although the Japanese statistics were generally considered bullish, the earlier reports from Japan of extended drought have caused some apprehension regarding the outlook of the summer and autumn crop.

Sentiment appears very mixed. A tug of war between Japanese exporters and the latter, with alleged substantial short commitments, and the holding off in the hope that financial needs and the advancing yen will force the flatulents to liquidate their silk. In the meantime, American manufacturers are believed to have placed themselves some time ago in a comfortable position for their autumn requirements.

Our New York correspondents cabled that manufacturers appear fairly well supplied for the current month and are holding aloof from future deliveries. Throw silk is quiet due to high prices, but it is generally believed that active business is possible at lower levels. Piece goods are also quiet; stock are fairly heavy and moving slowly. The yen exchange and unexpected high July mill takings is imparting a bullish aspect. The spot situation is tight, but substantial arrivals are expected shortly.

A cable to hand this morning says that an improvement in the spot demand has led to considerable short covering and to new buying by silk dealer, and importing interests.

Close New York Saturday: Oct. \$4.87, Nov. \$4.87, Jan. \$4.83.

CANTON MARKET REPORTS.

COTTON YARN.

No. 10 Sailing Vessel	3370
Tai Pao	504
Lotus & Bee	552
Peacock	222
Man & Bell	500
Tai Fat	258
Golden City	261
Excellent Crops	250
No. 12 Foo Kwai	274
Pao Yi	270
Lamp Ma	274
Golden City	274
Tak Lee	296
May Yan	292
No. 20 Golden City	303
Hung Hay	316
Shui Yuch	316
Ng Fook	290
Sin To	305
Blue Phoenix	304
Globe	302
No. 16 Blue Phoenix	298
Globe	296
Sunlight	284
No. 32 Blue Phoenix	334
Choy Kou	336
No. 42 Yang Hek	438
Flower & Butterfly	435
Raw Silk	114.10
No. 13/15 Fine X. H.K.	\$1,140-1,150
Flour	Per Picul.
Gumbont Brand	\$4.20
Kwan Too	4.23
Big Gun	4.39
Fa Ngan Yun	4.38
Yuk Wan	3.97
Banana	4.20
Dog's Head	4.20
Cheung Luk	4.07
Red Leaf	3.97
Pine Tree & Stork	4.07
Five Swallows	4.15
Pong Sin	4.15
Sang Yu	3.97
Bean	Per Picul.
Soy Bean	\$9.20-10.50
Black Bean	8.20-9.32
Scarlet Bean	10.70
Small Green Bean	11.00
Vegetables	Per Picul.
Cabbage	Tls. 3.50-3.65
Mustard Plant	2.50
Zucchini	3.50
Green Cucumber	3.90
White Cucumber	2.40
Bitter Squash	4.90
Bitter Squash	5.20
Snake-gourd	4.80
Garlic	4.70
Ginger	4.80-5.50
Yam	3.80-4.05
Common Squash	1.60
Long White Bean	4.60
Long Green Bean	5.60
Bamboo Shoots	2.90
Pumpkin	1.03
Turnip	2.40
Water Lily Root	2.60-3.00
Taro	2.20-2.40
Potato	2.05-2.40

TO-DAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

BROADCAST BY Z.B.W. ON 330 METRES.

1.45 p.m.—Weather report.
5.30 to 6.30 p.m.—Programme of Chinese music (records supplied by The Sinophone Co., Ltd.).
7.45 p.m.—Evening weather report.

8 p.m.—Evening programme. (Columbia records supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co., Ltd.).
“The Belle of New York” Selection, Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

“Valse Bleue” (Margis), and “Amoureuse Valse” (Berger), J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

“Love The Magician” (de Falla), Morales Symphony Orchestra.

“Clowns in Clover—The Callina” and “Clowns in Clover—Tulle and Boy Blues,” Quartette: June, Bobby Comer, Chick Dennis, Cowles, and Chorus.

“The Gipsy Baron” (Strauss), Selection Johann Strauss and Symphony Orchestra.

“The Marriage of Figaro—Oh, Come, Do Not Delay,” and “You, who have Knowledge” (Mozart), Soprano Bella Baile.

“Pomp and Circumstance” March, and “Marche” Lorraine (Ganne), Regimental Band of

H.M. Grenadier Guards.

“Song Without Words, No. 18” (Mendelssohn), Minuet in G major (Paderewski), Piano-major Solo, William Murdoch.

“Signal March of the Cavalry” and “The Imprisoned Cossacks,” The Don Cossacks Choir.

“Barcarole” Tchaikowsky, and “Valse Creole,” Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

“Ave Marin” (Gounod) and “Chanson Triste” (Tchaikowsky), Cello Solo, Giuseppe Di Silva.

“The Twelve Robbers,” and “On the Road to St. Petersburg,” The Don Cossacks Choir.

“The Barber of Seville,” Rossini, Overture B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra.

“Polka,” and “Bereuse” (d'Osten-Specken), The Catterall Quartette.

“The Bohemian Girl” (Balfe), Overture Percy Pitt and B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra.

“O Signore Che Dal Tetto Natio” (Verdi), and “Chorus of Cigarette Girls” (Biet), La Scala Chorus of Milan.

Prelude in C sharp Minor, and “Humoresque” (Dvorak), Organ Solo, C. F. Pattman.

“Queen High” Selection, Percival Mackey's Band.
10.30 p.m.—Close down.

DAILY SHARE QUOTATIONS.

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MONDAY, SEPT. 16.

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...	...	\$252	...
...	...	\$904	...

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Miscellaneous.

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TJISONDARI	S'RAL. & AMOY	28th Sept.	28th Sept. Noon	BATAVIA
TJILEBOET	S'RAL. K'LING & AMOY	6th Oct.	8th Oct. Noon	MANILA, M'KRAI & SOERABAYA
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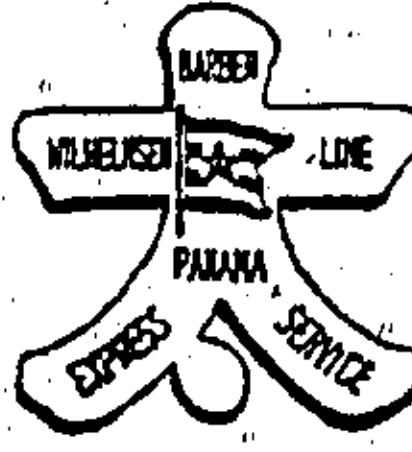
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SHANGHAI	"NANCHANG" ... On 20th Sept.	3 p.m.
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SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KIANGSU" ... On 22nd Sept.	Noon
SHANGHAI	"LUCHOW" ... On 22nd Sept.	2 p.m.
WAIWAI, CHONG & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW" ... On 23rd Sept.	11 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KATING" ... On 23rd Sept.	Noon
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		BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL		TEMPERATURE	HUMIDITY	WIND	BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL		TEMPERATURE	HUMIDITY	WIND
		Inches	Millis				Inches	Millis			
Vladivostok	12	29.56	750.7	...	...	WNW 2 b	29.68	753.9	55	...	...
Nemuro	11	29.59	751.5	...	...	NNW 1 b	29.61	752.0	...	...	WSW 1 b
Hokodate	...	29.65	753.0	...	...	W 1 b	29.73	755.0	...	...	WSW 1 b
Tokio	...	29.78	756.5	...	...	S 1 b	29.73	755.0	...	...	WSW 1 b
Kochi	...	29.84	758.0	...	...	S 1 b	29.80	757.0	...	...	WSW 1 b
Nagasaki	...	29.90	759.5	...	...	SW 2 b	29.88	759.0	...	...	NNW 1 b
Kagoshima	...	29.88	759.0	...	...	W 1 b	29.96	761.0	...	...	NW 1 b
Oshima	...	29.92	760.0	...	...	NNE 1 b	29.96	761.0	...	...	NW 1 b
Naha	...	29.92	760.0	...	...	N 1 b	29.96	760.0	...	...	N 1 b
Ishigakijima	...	29.92	760.0	...	...	ENE 1 b	29.94	760.5	...	...	S 1 b
Bonin Island	...	29.94	760.5	...	...	SSW 1 b	29.98	760.2	...	...	W 2 b
Chefoo	15	29.56	758.4	72	76	NW 4 b	29.68	753.2	68	87	...
Shanghai	14	30.00	762.0	90	48	NNW 2 b	30.10	764.5	73	55	NE 1 b
Gutzlaff	...	30.01	762.2	83	63	S 1 b	29.96	761.5	76	91	NE 1 b
Sharp Peak	...	29.90	759.4	78	95	ENE 2 b	29.93	760.7	78	86	NE 2 b
Amoy	...	29.85	758.2	82	69	NNE 4 b	29.96	761.0	78	91	NE 2 b
Swatow	...	29.83	758.9	84	84	E 2 b	29.99	759.9	73	89	E 4 b
Taihekou	11	29.93	760.2	77	64	...	29.93	760.2	75	...	...
Taihu	...	29.94	760.3	90	...	...	29.92	759.9	77	...	...
Tainan	...	29.91	759.6	90	...	NW 2 b	29.89	759.3	75	...	...
Koshun	...	29.92	759.9	86	...	...	29.92	759.9	79	...	NNE 2 b
Pescadore	...	29.93	760.3	88	...	NNW 2 b	29.89	759.2	78	...	ESE 1 b
Hong Kong	14	29.88	758.9	79	89	E 2 b	29.89	758.2	...	...	E 2 b
Gap Rock	...	29.88	758.9	...	...	ESE 2 b	29.86	758.4	77	90	SE 2 b
Macao	...	29.86	758.4	79	85	NE 2 b	29.89	759.3	80	87	E 2 b
Hoihow	...	29.93	760.2	86	81	SSE 2 b	29.89	759.3	80	87	E 2 b
Pratas Island	...	29.87	758.7	82	83	...	29.82	757.7	77	...	SSE 2 b
Phu Lien	15	29.78	756.3	86	81	SSE 2 b	29.85	758.1	79	...	SW 2 b
Tourane	...	29.80	756.9	86	...	SE 2 b	29.80	759.1	75	...	NNW 2 b
Cape St. James	...	29.84	757.8	88	...	WSW 2 b	29.85	758.1	81	73	NE 2 b
Basco	14	29.81	757.2	86	83	NE 2 b	29.82	757.8	77	94	W 2 b
Apurri	...	29.79	756.6	89	61	NE 1 b	29.84	757.8	73	91	...
Tuguegarao	...	29.76	756.0	86	88	NW 2 b	29.78	756.3	75	91	WSW 1 b
Vigan	...	29.74	755.4	90	90	W 2 b	29.80	756.9	77	92	NE 1 b
Manila	...	29.75	755.7	82	84	ENE 2 b	29.78	756.3	75	96	NW 1 b
Legaspi	...	29.72	754.8	93	64	ENE 2 b	...	...	...	...	...
Calbayog	...	29.73	755.1	90	73	WSW 4 b	29.81	757.2	75	86	...
Tacloban	...	29.71	754.5	90	60	SE 4 b	...	...	...	...	...
Dalo	...	29.72	754.8	93	64	NE 2 b	...	...	...	...	...
Cebu	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.78	756.3	77	88	S 1 b
Surigao	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.84	757.8	77	...	ENE 2 b
Saipan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guam	12.22	29.79	755.6	...	...	S 2 b	29.81	757.2	...	...	SW 1 b
Yap	11.00	29.72	755.6	...	...	SW 2 b	29.86	758.4	77	...	SW 2 b
Pelew	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.80	759.2	78	...	ESE 1 b
Ponape	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.84	757.9	80	74	...
Labuan	14	29.81	757.2	88	76	SW 2 b	...	...	...	...	...

September 16d. 10h. 40m.—The anticyclones have merged, pressure being highest over the lower Yangtze Valley. It is relatively low in the Pacific to the east of the Visayas.
Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.81 inch. Total since January 1, 62.55 inches, against an average of 71.39 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON SEPTEMBER 17.

- 1.—Formosa Channel ... Light northerly winds.
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamocks ... E. winds, moderate; fair.
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock ...
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan ...

C. W. JEFFRIES, Director.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, September 16

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.86	29.93	29.84
Temperature	81	84	82
Humidity	82	79	73
Wind	E	E	E
Direction	E	E	E
Force	1	2	0
Weather	C	C	C
Rain	0.97	0.00	0.00
Highest open-air Temperature	15.81		
Lowest open-air Temperature	16.77		

B—Blue sky; C—Cloudy; D—Drizzle; E—Eggs; L—Lightning; M—Mist; O—Overcast; P—Passing showers; Q—Squalls; R—Rain; T—Thunder.

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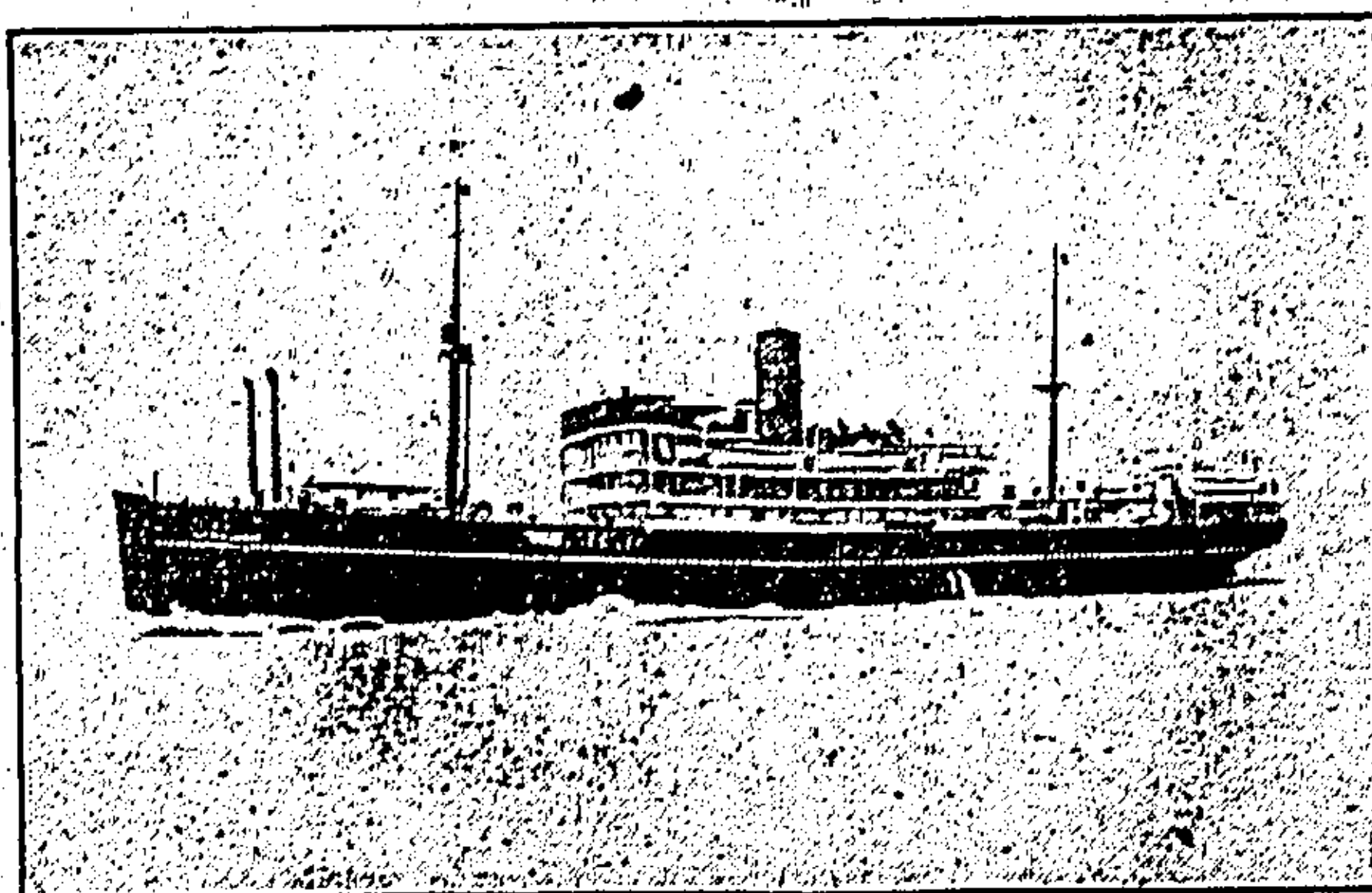
Days of Week	Date of Month	High Water			Low Water		
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Height
Tues.	17	h. m.	8 2	7 1	h. m.	1 49	3 8
Wed.	18	h. m.	9 27	5 2	h. m.	3 6	1 5
Thur.	19	h. m.	10 41	7 3	h. m.	2 29	3 4
Fri.	20	h. m.	11 54	5 4	h. m.	3 34	1 9
Sat.	21	h. m.	1 19	7 4	h. m.	4 4	1 8
Sun.	22	h. m.	2 38	7 3	h. m.	3 47	2 5
Mon.	23	h. m.	3 57	5 1	h. m.	4 57	2 4
		h. m.	5 13	8 4	h. m.	5 9	2 0
		h. m.	6 28	6 7	h. m.	5 23	2 9
		h. m.	7 44	5 7	h. m.	5 58	2 0
		h. m.	9 0	6 9	h. m.	6 47	3 4

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OSAKA via AMOI, MOJI & KOBE	"NAMSANG" "YUENSANG" "SUISANG" "KUMSANG"	Sun. 22nd Sept. at 7 a.m. Tues. 1st Oct. at 10 a.m. Wed. 15th Oct. at 10 a.m. Fri. 25th Oct. at 7 a.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KOSANG" "KUTSANG"	Thurs. 28th Sept. at 3 p.m. Wed. 2nd Oct. at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"HINSANG" "MAUSANG"	Mon. 30th Sept. at Noon Thurs. 10th Oct. at 10 a.m.
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Cargo returns shown at the Harbour Office during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday by vessels arriving in Hong Kong were as follows:—

British.	Cargo for H.K.	Through Ports
Calchas, Liverpool	1,630	7,520
Foehing, Canton	—	140
Garbeta, Osaka	600	2,770
Napchan, Shanghai	50	340
Sinkiang, Canton	—	100
American	2,370	10,970
Pres. Taft, San Francisco	200	1,170
Norwegian	—	—
Prominent, Saigon	2,100	2,100
Portuguese	—	—
Ka Heng, K. C. Wan	320	320
Japanese	—	—
Katori Maru, Middlesboro	830	6,480
Konsan Maru, Dairen	1,500	1,500
Lushan Maru, Shanghai	40	460
Menado Maru, Haiphong	850	—
	2,030	8,740
	8,020	20,880

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British	Arr.	Dep.
American	5	0
Norwegian	1	0
Portuguese	1	1
Japanese	4	8
Chinese	0	2
	12	19

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS. The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

Sinkiang (British), Canton	24
Prominent (Norwegian), Saigon	650
Katori Maru (Japanese), Middlesboro	830
Lushan Maru (Japanese), Shanghai	40
Menado Maru (Japanese), Haiphong	850
	1,970

SHIPS IN HARBOUR. The following ships were in port yesterday:—

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Golden Hind, American str., 4,507 tons, Capt. M. E. Shigby, from Amoy, Lai Chi Kok Wharf.—States S.S. Co.

Konsan Maru, Japanese str., 1,556 tons, Capt. T. Kotake, from Dairen, buoy No. A26.—M.B.K. Nanchang, British str., 1,806 tons, Capt. W. Shaw, from Shanghai via Swatow, buoy No. B23.—B. & S.

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CLEARANCES.

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Anking, for Pass. Throu.

Benavon, for Takao.

Bloemfontein, for Dairen.

Canton, for Canton.

Feng Lee, for Swatow.

Foehing, for Swatow.

Frey, for Newchwang.

Golden Hind, for Haiphong.

Hopsang, for Canton.

Lushan Maru, for Canton.

Mirapore, for Miri.

Nanchang, for Canton.

Petricola, for Miri.

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Pronto, for Saigon.

Seistan, for Hoikow.

Sinkiang, for Swatow.

Tai Ping, for Manila.

Tai Poo Sek, for K. C. Wan.

Ulrikka, for Newchwang.

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

The following passengers arrived here on Sept. 15 by the President McKinley from U.S. and the North:—For Hong Kong: Mr. H. H. Abeling, Mrs. Lena Brook, Mr. J. H. Barron, Mr. and Mrs. Cheng Tat Sheng, Mr. and Mrs. Chang Yat Tung, Mr. C. W. Cummings, Mr. Chan Ho Ting, Mr. Chan Kai Sheun, Miss M. Chenailoy, Miss Grace Cooke, Mrs. Chen Tai Tai, Mr. S. C. Chao, Mr. and Mrs. Chan Shui Lam, Mr. J. Fishwick, Mr. Gilbert Gentili, Mr. Paul Hafemann, Mr. Ho Lok Sing, Mr. Ho Pak Kwon, Mr. Hsu Shan Shan, Mr. H. S. Huang, Mrs. Goddard Jong, Mr. P. L. Lee, Mr. Lai Man Long, Mr. and Mrs. L. Lim, Mr. M. T. Lee, Mr. Lee Hing Wan, Mr. S. C. Lee, Mr. T. S. Phu, Miss Pater Pan, Miss Virginia Pan, Mr. H. G. Sun, Mr. S. S. Sun, Mr. H. Shennin, Mrs. Tang Kwong, Mr. Tye Chong Chew, Miss G. Thomas, Miss A. Taining, Miss Tong Tuck Yu, Mr. C. W. Wu, Mr. K. C. Wong, Miss Violet Wong, Mr. Woo Tack Shan, Mr. C. T. Wong, Mr. K. Y. Wu, For Manila: Mr. Jose Alvares, Miss Anna Barton, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Bradish, Mr. Fausto Barredo, Miss Carmen Barredo, Mr. Jose Barredo, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Clark, Master Robert Clark, Mr. C. M. Dalton, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent De Albo, Mr. W. A. Duke, Mr. J. B. Franklin, Mrs. Bertha Heath, Master George Heath, Master William Heath, Master John Heath, Master Charles Heath, Mr. G. R. Hutchinson, Mr. Chester Johnson, Miss H. LeClaire, Mr. Lorenzo Lerma, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Maxey, Miss B. M. Maxey, Miss C. Maloles, Mrs. T. Maloles, Mrs. Ida L. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Pond, Mr. K. S. Reed, Miss Martha Reed, Master Robert Reed, Mr. J. W. Schoover, Mr. and Mrs. Alfonso Tinsout, Jr., Mr. Castor Tongko, Mr. Vincent Xavier.

Departures.

The following passengers left by the a.s. Katori Maru for Japan via Shanghai on September 16:—Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Yien, Mr. H. C. A. van Someren, Mr. and Mrs. Fung Jom Son, Mrs. Chow Tak Fung, Mr. Wong Cheung, Mr. G. Chong, Mrs. R. W. Paul, Mr. Ngan B. Jue, Mr. R. H. Beavon, Mr. R. Wakida, Mr. E. J. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Brown, Miss M. Loureiro, Mrs. Elizabeth Dorman, Mr. Li Fung Ko, Mr. Li Hing Kuen, Mr. and Mrs. Lau Chi Sing, Mr. Lau Sing Po.

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"MIRZAPORE"	6,715	18th Oct.	Strait, Colombo & Bombay
"KALYAN"	9,144	28th Oct.	Mars. L'don, Hull, R'dm. & A'warp.
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"KASGAR"	9,006	23rd Nov.	Mars. L'don, Hull, R'dm. & A'warp.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,919	7th Dec.	B'way, Mars. & L'don
"BELTANA"	10,980	21st Dec.	Mars. L'don, Hull, R'dm. & A'warp.
"MALWA"	9,114	23rd Dec.	Mars. L'don, Hull, R'dm. & A'warp.
"KEYBER"	9,114	1930	[A'warp.]
"RAJPUTANA"	16,588	4th Jan.	B'way, Mars. & L'don
"LAHORE"	8,504	11th Jan. (Mars.)	L'don, Hull, R'dm. & A'warp.
"KHYBER"	9,185	18th Jan.	Mars. L'don, Hull, R'dm. & A'warp.
"MIRZAPORE"	6,318	25th Jan. (Mars.)	L'don, Hull, R'dm. & A'warp.
"KALYAN"	10,946	15th Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	1st Mar.	Mars. L'don, Hull, R'dm. & A'warp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	15th Mar.	Mars. L'don, Hull, R'dm. & A'warp.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,919	29th Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"MALWA"	10,980	12th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles and London
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